

**Minutes of the Representative Body of North Carolina Yearly Meeting (Conservative)
Fourth Month 24, 2010**

The Representative Body of North Carolina Yearly Meeting (Conservative) convened at West Grove meetinghouse in Snow Camp, North Carolina on the 24th of Fourth Month, 2010. Meeting opened with expectant waiting worship, out of which the clerk read of Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman, when Jesus spoke of worshipping God in spirit and in truth.

The clerk invited visitors to introduce themselves, and Ceal and Mark Wutka of Atlanta (GA) Friends Meeting were welcomed.

Minutes from the Tenth Month 2009 Representative Body were read.

A letter from Jamestown Friends Meeting, Jamestown, North Carolina (NCYM [FUM]) was read. The letter described the Meeting's designating 2010 as a Year of Peace and inviting participation in various ways. The letter was approved to be included in the minutes:

Greetings,

The NCYM-FUM has designated the year 2010 as a Year of Peace to engage our historic Peace Testimony by prayer, study, and action. We would like to learn of programs, activities, resources, and projects others are doing as well as learning of other individuals having a common interest in the Peace Testimony within your Yearly Meeting. It is hoped that we may learn from you as well as possibly developing on-going resources and programs among our Yearly Meetings and individuals to spread the message of peace.

We would like to develop an idea exchange to strengthen our work in the area of peace. Should you have questions, suggestions or interest, please respond to Jamestown Friends Meeting at www.Jamestownfriends.org.

Sincerely,
Clarence Mattocks, Clerk
Jamestown Monthly Meeting

Friends approved of the Clerk responding to the letter and letting them know that it was shared with the Body.

A letter from American Friends Service Committee was read asking for help identifying candidates for General Secretary, and also inviting input on nominations for the Nobel Peace prize. Contact information is available upon request.

A letter from Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) was read inviting the Yearly Meeting to send three representatives to be sent to the upcoming World Conference to take place 8/21-28/2012 in Kenya. Names are needed by 1/15/2011. The letter with the detailed information will be copied and distributed to the Monthly Meetings. A concern was raised about considering the level of financial support that the Yearly Meeting would provide to those who are brought forward as representatives.

A letter from William Penn House describing a “gap year” program for young people taking a break before or during college was shared by the Clerk.

Nan Bowles, Janie Newlin and Caroline Newlin presented for the *Earthcare Committee*.

Janie and Caroline described their interest in Earthcare and the activities of the children at West Grove meeting, including identifying and labeling the trees around the Meetinghouse.

Nan shared about the awareness of living lifelines, the connectedness with the earth and acting out of an awareness of that connectedness. She also spoke about creating awareness of natural spaces and their loss through photographic exhibits, writing letters to the editors of newspapers, and in other ways. Durham Meeting is working with other Meetings in its area on Earthcare activities, and the Earthcare committee has invited all members of the Yearly Meeting to participate in regular messages about Earthcare to be shared with the Meetings of the Yearly Meeting.

Robert Gosney presented for the *Yearly Meeting Sessions Planning Committee*.

The three evening meetings will address the theme of “Spirituality and the Arts,” intergenerational activities are being planned for full expression of creativity by all attendees, and a Meeting for Conversation with tea and scones is being planned for the afternoons following Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business. For the three evening programs, a panel discussion is planned for one evening, then three or four Friends will share about how the arts have been important in their lives and their spirituality on another evening, and finally there will be an arts fair on the third evening, where the presenters can share through demonstrations, artwork or performances. Volunteers are sought for each of these evening programs. “Arts” will be kept vaguely and broadly defined.

Mark Wutka will lead bible study, tentatively titled “Being Valiant for the Truth upon the Earth.”

Cheryl Fetterman reported that UNCW has put us definitely on their calendar for 7/13-17/2011. She reported that Wilmington Meeting would like three things from the Yearly Meeting in order to host the Annual Sessions: First, assistance for setup and takedown, a few hours before and after sessions, including table setup and takedown and trash pickup; Second, someone to be responsible for a mid-session trash pickup in the dormitory halls; Third, there needs to be a designated golf cart coordinator once the golf carts are on campus. This involves figuring out when and where the carts need to be, keeping the keys and charging the batteries, and scheduling and training drivers. The request was that Monthly Meetings volunteer for these responsibilities by Fall Representative Body.

Dora Owens reported for *Finance Committee*.

The report was approved to be included in the minutes:

NCYM(C) Treasurer’s Report for period ending 3/31/2010

North Carolina Yearly Meeting (Conservative) is currently in good financial position and is making good progress toward budget goals for the 2009-10 fiscal year. At the end of Third

Month, 2010, 66% of contributions from Monthly Meetings had been received and 75% of budgeted payments to organizations had been made. Individual contributions and interest income are well below expected amounts; however, the Yearly Meeting has enough money available to meet expected outlays for the year. The Scholarship and Travel allowances are currently underutilized; Friends are asked to remind the Monthly Meetings that these funds are available. In addition, operating expenses are well under budget thus far.

As concerns the various Fund balances, contributions are now starting to arrive for the Jamaica Fund; the Finance Committee requests clarifications on a procedure for disbursement of these funds, before a request is made. There is a reserve of \$3,407.19 available for the Yearly Meeting Gathering in addition to the Assistance fund and the Youth Activities fund. The reduction in the Checking account balance for the fiscal year can be attributed largely to 2009 Yearly Meeting Gathering disbursements. We expect to have enough data soon to develop a 2010 Gathering budget. Total Assets are \$25,786.31 as of 03/31/2010.

After policy clarification made at the last Representative Body meeting, the Treasurer implemented and documented the appropriate accounting procedures to reflect the Yearly Meeting's intention regarding distribution of Disciplines.

There is a request from Kristin Olson-Kennedy for a scholarship to attend the School of the Spirit. The Scholarship budget currently has \$2000 available for the remainder of the fiscal year; most recent scholarships for School of the Spirit have been for \$750. Kristin has received financial support from her Monthly Meeting [Davidson], from Piedmont Friends Fellowship, and from School of the Spirit itself. After her initial enrollment in the program, she lost her job and is therefore unable to contribute significantly from her own funds. The Finance Committee requests instruction from the Body on this matter.

Respectfully submitted,
Dora Owens
Treasurer

The Body discerned how to address the request for scholarship funds for Kristin Olsen-Kennedy for School of the Spirit. \$1,000.00 was approved for disbursement to School of the Spirit for Kristin, with a request that the Body consider revisiting Kristin's needs in the future.

Disbursement of the funds collected by Southeastern Region of FWCC Section of the Americas and held by the Yearly Meeting to benefit Jamaican Friends supported by and representing the Jamaican Yearly Meeting was discussed. It was approved that NCYM(C) will respond to requests for disbursements from the Clerk of the Southeastern Region of FWCC.

No report is prepared at this time on the pros and cons of incorporation of the Yearly Meeting, and Friends approved postponing this topic until Annual Sessions.

Clare Koster reported for the *Minutes Committee*.

The report was approved to be included in the minutes:

In order to have a record in our minutes with regard to the ordering of our 2009 Yearly Meeting Minute Books, your Minutes Committee submits the following report:

Publisher: Instant Publishers (website: instantpublisher.com)

An order for 200 books was placed (minimum order to not pay a \$50.00 set-up fee) at a cost of \$896.00. There was an overrun of 8 books at a cost of \$2.24 a piece.

The total charge for printing and shipping via FedEx was \$970.17.

Your Minutes Committee: Bob Cooper, Claire Koster, Susan Lees, Carole Treadway, Darryl Waisner.

The Body expressed thanks for the work of the committee.

Gwen Erickson reported that registration forms for Annual Sessions in Greensboro will be ready in May and asked that Friends register as soon as possible upon preparation of the forms.

Janis Ansell announced that the *Meeting of Ministry and Oversight* invited all to a Meeting after a short break after the rise of Representative Body.

Appreciation was expressed for the hospitality of West Grove Meeting hosting the Representative Body.

The Body discerned that the Representative Body minutes for this and all future sessions should be provided via email to the clerks of Monthly Meetings and on the Yearly Meeting website as soon as practical after the Body meetings.

New Bern, North Carolina, and Franklin, Virginia, have new worship groups that Friends are encouraged to visit.

The contact person for the Franklin group is Michael-Davin Blythe, and visitors can contact him via email at *mdavinblythe AT gmail DOT com*. Franklin is in Southeastern Virginia located about one hour west of Virginia Beach and one hour north of Rich Square.

The contact person for the New Bern group is Bruce Arnold, and visitors can contact him via email at *brucearnoldlcsw AT gmail DOT com* or phone at (252) 671-3539. They meet at Bern Village, 2701 Amherst Blvd, New Bern, NC 28562, in one of the common rooms at 9 a.m. on first and third First Days.

Undertaking no further business, the meeting closed with worship, intending to meet next on Tenth Month 23rd, 2010, if consistent with Divine Will.

Richard Bryan Miller, Clerk
David Neil Perry, Recording Clerk