



Salem Quarter News

Fall 2016

*The Light shines in the
darkness, and the darkness
has not overcome it.*

So all that love the Light,
and have faith therein, look
not for another,
for in all our pilgrimage,
this is our strength, and
great reward.

Margaret Fell

On the Cover: Window at Mullica Hill Mtg.
by Mary Waddington
Quote: John 1:5 English Standard Version

Friends of Truth

*By Barry Sloane,
clerk of quarter*



Early followers of George Fox were a series of loose organizations and they called themselves such names as Children of Light, Friends of Truth, and, eventually, Religious Society of Friends and Quakers.

Early on in my exposure to Quakers I heard that label, “Friends of Truth” and it continues to resonate with me 50 years later. There is a purity in the concept of knowing the truth, but a real challenge in finding it.

About the time I went to my first meeting for worship, the Cold War was going strong and I remember Radio America promoting on TV their good works of broadcasting the message of “freedom” to Eastern Europe and parts of the Soviet Union. Also around this time, I procured a shortwave radio and would listen to it late into the night; the late nights made for many catnaps in class. I discovered English speaking “Radio Moscow” which was broadcasting to America their message of “equality”. Radio Moscow had very insightful commentary and good music. The Soviets sounded like well-educated and reasonable people, certainly not the brutish image our government was painting of them at the time. It became clear to me very quickly, that the two sides had very different points of view and that somebody was at the least, bending the truth.

Fast forward 50 years. As we begin the final stretch (should I say “Stench”?) of the endless election slog, both sides purport to tell the “truth” in the course of advancing their agenda. As in the cold war, the propaganda machines keep cranking out the spin. Before the 1990’s, we had moderates in congress and the concept of compromise wasn’t the dirty word it is now in our polarized country.

Then came talk radio, cable news and the internet. Now any buffoon with a microphone, camera or access the social media can be a pundit. Now the so called “news” is on a 24/7 cycle with the accompanying scramble to fill the space and get ratings. The news has turned from journalism to entertainment. Inserting big money from undisclosed sources has exacerbated the deception. Michael Smerconish put it well when he said. "Buying gas or groceries or attending back-to-school nights, I speak to people for whom the issues are a mixed bag;

they are liberal on some, conservative on others, middle of the road on the rest. But politicians don't take their cues from those people. No, politicians emulate the world of punditry." The result is that whomever we vote for, is not based on facts, but only what we think are facts.

Back in the Cold War and now, the same lie is being pedaled as they it has for centuries by those with less than transparent agendas. The lie is we must be fearful because there is a menace out there to be combated; Muslims and Mexicans now, Soviets then and earlier; Jews and Gypsies.

The ancient Egyptians had a God named "Set" who was our equivalent of the Devil. He was defined as "chaos, evil, war, hostility, confusion, darkness, deserts and storms". The key words in this definition are "chaos" and "confusion". Every other evil that defined Set, stemmed from those two states of being. And what are these? They are lies. When we lie to or about ourselves, our neighbors, or other countries, we are, in fact perpetrating chaos, evil, confusion and all that follows from them.

While change is inevitable, sadly, some things don't change. Our addiction to lies is one of those things that doesn't seem to be changing. As Winston Churchill once stated, "Men occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of them pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing had happened." These lies are distractions and they keep us from truly knowing the light in others or God.

The "truths" we believe that I described above are "truths" based on information or disinformation that helps us to form our perceptions, but there are some things that are absolutely true by logic. For example: We exist because we think, therefore we are. We cannot create ourselves, because we are already created. Some things are absolutely true by observation. The Sun has risen every day that we know of. Change is inevitable. We, by our nature, resist change. Life is difficult.

That life is difficult is one of the greatest truths. It is a great truth because once we truly see this truth, we transcend it. Once we truly know that life is difficult—and truly understand and accept it—then life is no longer difficult. At that point, the fact that life is difficult no longer matters.

Some absolute truths are knowable through an unknowable process. It is only because of shared problems and adversity that we grow

mentally and spiritually. There is some essence in us that connects us to others and to the whole, and some names we put to this are Love, the Light or The Christ. Personally exploring these connections as individuals and as a community is what makes Quakerism so exciting.

What I like about The Friends of Truth is that we are encouraged to look inside ourselves to find the true inner Christ/Light and through this process, we recognize an infinite variety of paths to arrive at that truth. And that my Friends is what I believe to be true.

Friends School Open House

Families considering Friends School for their children and others interested in the school are invited to the Pre-K3—8th grade open house presentations listed below. Our school specializes in confident, happy kids with Quaker values. Please RSVP.

To RSVP, or for any questions, please call [856-478-2908 ext. 102](tel:856-478-2908) or info@fsmh.org



Available dates are:

Friday, September 30th at 9 am

Thursday, October 13th at 9 am

Friday, November 18th at 9 am

Palette Scrapings

News from Fellowship of Quakers in the Arts South Jersey Chapter

We have set into motion three different art exhibits to take place before the end of 2016. Now we're looking high and low for artists interested in showing their work so we can fill these exhibit halls for the visual pleasure of Friends and friends of Friends who will come to support us and to catch our enthusiasm.

The first exhibit will be hung in the Art Building of Camp Ockanickon at the Tri-Quarter Gathering from September 30 through October 2. This one is sponsored by national FQA with Doris Pulone heading it up. Intent to show forms are out and Tri-Quarter attenders as well as FQA members are invited and encouraged to participate. Contact Doris at 609-801-1126 or dpulone@comcast.net.

The second one will be in the gallery corridor of Friends Village and will run from December 2 through January 4th. The artists' reception is planned for Friday evening, December 9, from 6-8 p.m. This South Jersey Chapter exhibit is open also to non-FQA members throughout the Quarter and beyond who we hope will feel the excitement of our small-but-powerful group and catch the fever of doing art with us. We will be mailing intent to show forms soon but our mailing list is woefully incomplete. Therefore we urge everyone who is interested in exhibiting to contact the chapter's corresponding clerk, Mary Waddington, at 856-935-0683. December seems a distance off, but it's never too soon to begin new work or complete works in progress.

Our third exhibit will take place in the Salem MM Annex during Quarterly Meeting on Sunday, December 11th. Yes, this does take place while the Friends Village show is running, but that shouldn't keep anyone from being in both shows at once. Bring up to four pieces of art to Salem's Annex on Sunday the 11th between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m., with the proper hanging hardware attached. Place your work on the walls before the gathering begins, then take your work home when you leave. Add this exhibit to your calendar now because there will be no further printed reminders.

We look forward to seeing new faces and new art.

Mike Ayars, Treasurer

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Salem Quarterly Meeting Minutes

9/11/2016

Salem Quarterly Meeting met 9/11/2016 at Mullica Hill Meeting. Out of worship, Clerk Barry Sloane (Mickleton) convened the meeting, welcomed Friends and visitors, and expressed our gratitude to Mullica Hill Friends and Mickleton for their gracious hospitality. Memorial services were announced for Owen Steward (Woodbury) and Katherine Dodson (Mullica Hill). There was a Friendly presence for business of fourteen representing six monthly meetings in the Quarter.

Minutes of the last Quarterly Meeting on 6/4/2016 were approved as distributed.

Mike Ayars (Woodstown) reported from the Lower Alloways Creek committee. Clerk David Culver needs to step away from the clerkship of the committee. Mike Ayars will act as clerk until David can resume those duties. Christine Cameron is Recording Clerk. The committee meets monthly either at Salem Meeting or at the Alloways Creek Meetinghouse in Hancock's Bridge.

The committee has issued a Request for Proposal for a Preservation Plan to six qualified firms. Proposals are due December 15.

Committee members have performed research at Friends Historical Library at Swarthmore College, and the Salem County Historical Society. We gained valuable insights and discovered useful photographs. We'll share them with Meetings and perhaps the Quarter at a later date. We also found historical information about most of the names on the Memory Walk. That research continues.

Salem Meeting held a well-attended Meeting for Worship at the Alloways Creek Meetinghouse on August 21, followed by a picnic lunch under the sycamores.

On behalf of the Steering Committee, Mike Ayars (Woodstown) reported on the upcoming Quarterly Meeting programs, Lucy Duncan storytelling about *AFSC Past and Present* at Salem in December and Norval Reese at Woodstown in March on *Revitalizing Shrinking Meetings*. June is anticipated in Greenwich. In unity with the Monthly Meetings, Steering Committee has set a goal of improving the children's programming at Quarterly Meetings with more robust, exciting programs in addition to the childcare provided during meeting for business. (*See report p. 10*)

The Finance Committee report was submitted by Michael Shapiro (Salem). To date, we have received \$5,400 in quarter covenant payments from Greenwich, Mickleton, Mullica Hill, and Salem. Woodstown sent their covenant for the full year. Salem and Woodstown both sent their

Education Fund designated payments for the full year. Seaville has sent a quarterly payment for their Education Fund designated covenant.

Year to date expenses, in total \$8,127.29, included: postage for Lower Alloways Creek RFP; keys and locks for Lower Alloways Creek; Carpenter Tree Service for Lower Alloways Creek, etc. mowing; Friends School Mullica Hill for the marketing-communications consultant; and Tri Quarter support. Education Fund checks for fifteen students, totaling \$10,110 have been sent.

Dietrich Preston (Woodbury), of the Tri-Quarter Gathering submitted a report on the 2016 Gathering. To date they have about 25-30 families registered so far. Financial assistance is available as need arises. Additional registrations are welcomed.

On behalf of the Indian Affairs Committee, Sandra Boone Murphy (Mickleton), reported on upcoming events and the status of the tribes' efforts towards State recognition. (*See report p. 18*) She distributed a posting of tribal etiquette in the hope that such knowledge might encourage Salem Quarter Friends to attend. She also highlighted the information on the Brick worship group.

Mike Ayars (Woodstown) reported from Friends Foundation. They have been working toward the creation of a new meeting room at Friends Village. In an effort to make the space more "meeting-like" they are seeking framed photographs of the inside and /or outsides of Salem Quarter meetinghouses.

The Worship & Ministry Committee met in worship on Friday evening. They discussed the upcoming Quaker Journals lecture series and a possible Friends General Conference Spiritual Deeping series for next fall. A report from the Gifts Working Group was presented. They closed in worship and prayer for all members of the Quarter. (*See report p. 15*)

A report from Friends School Mullica Hill was presented by Bill Carrigan (Mickleton). The school year began with an enrollment of 136 on Thursday, September 8, 2016. Students and staff will continue to worship in the Mullica Hill Meetinghouse on Friday this year, and all Friends are welcome to attend at 8:45 am.

Over the summer, renovations took place on the basement of the Hanshi Deshbandhu Building. Funded by the Building Greatness Major Gifts campaign, this renovation will include the addition of a kiln to the basement. Additional work is also underway on outdoor spaces, including further enhancements of the new outdoor classroom.

On October 20th and 21st, a team from the Friends Council on Education will visit the campus as part of a new "Membership Renewal Process" whereby the School shares how Quakerism is infused in the mis-

sion, governance, curriculum, and daily life on campus. Mike Ayars has clerked the committee that has been preparing for this visit, which also included Gail Scuderi, Bill Carrigan, Beth Reaves, Peter Manzelmann and Glenn Parker.

All Friends are invited to attend the annual Fall Festival at the School at 10am on Saturday, October 8th. Friends are also invited to attend “Trustee and Quaker Visitation Day” on the morning of Friday, November 18th. This is the final day before the Thanksgiving break and concludes with a celebratory lunchtime meal.

Friends School Mullica Hill is seeking the long term loan of benches from meetings for use in a small worship space at the school.

Bob Horvay shared information regarding Philadelphia Yearly Meeting grants. There are multiple grants available to Friends for a variety of reasons. He encouraged Friends to seek out the grants they may find applicable. Bob also spoke of the value of attending Continuing or Annual Sessions and noted that our attendance at Annual Sessions has almost outgrown Muhlenberg College.

Sandy Boone Murphy spoke about “undoing isms” with reference to the 60 minute DVD “The Doctrine of Discovery.” She offered to make the DVD presentation and lead a subsequent discussion group to any Meeting with interest. The DVD is also available for loan or purchase.

Meeting was closed in worship.

Rebecca Shapiro, recording clerk

Steering Committee Report

Marketing/Communication. Jared Valdez reported on the statistics from the latest email bulletin issue. It was sent to 333 people, opened by 124 people representing all meetings in the Quarter. The email bulletin was opened a total of 251 times an open rate of 37.5%, which is up about 1% from last time.

December QM: Salem Meeting

December 2016 Quarterly Meeting. Gloria Horvay is working with Lucy Duncan to develop a program and a description. Lucy's program will be telling paired stories of American Friends Service Committee's history with American Friends Service Committee's present, using powerful stories of change with vivid characters. Salem is in the process of training teachers in Godly Play and hopes to provide an exciting children's program.

March QM: Woodstown Meeting

March 2017 Quarterly Meeting. "How to revitalize a shrinking meeting and get all the work done." We made contact with Norval Reese and discussed what our needs and expectations would be for the program. The Quarter has a wide range of experience with both in-reach and outreach. Norval recommended a program of practical applications focusing on what to do and how to do it. He felt that a period of questions and answers was appropriate. We also indicated our interest in a follow up daylong workshop.

June QM: We are looking at Greenwich Meeting as a location.

Children's program at QM

Steering Committee agrees that we need to move beyond childcare to a more robust children's program. We see the program beginning when our program begins, and continuing until about the last 10 or 15 minutes of worship. For MM's where worship comes first, we would start with children present for the first 15 minutes, then continuing through program time.

- Salem is in the process of training teachers in Godly Play and hopes to provide an exciting children's program.
- As March is Youth Art Month, Woodstown would like to feature a robust children's program led by Gail Scuderi to create a youth art project during the morning program and worship times. This project would eventually be displayed at Friends Village.

PYM Event: Youth Programs visioning session on October 1. RSVP through the PYM web site or call Quaker Life Council at 215-241-7008

Quilt Auction at Friends Home



Friends Village employee Lisa Rybak and new resident Catherine Licciardello discuss some of the finer points of the hand-crafted Mennonite quilt currently featured as a fundraiser for the area's only continuing care retirement community. A drawing for the Garden Bouquet patterned quilt by Mabel from Lancaster PA will be held December 15 to see who will be able to place this charming queen-size quilt on their bed just in time for the Holidays. For more information or to obtain drawing tickets call Jeni Beski at Friends Village [856-823-0718](tel:856-823-0718).

The Loss of One of Our Own

George A. Crispin

Woodbury Monthly Meeting

On Sunday, August 14, 2016 Woodbury Friends Meeting lost one of our own. Owen Steward died of a heart attack in his home and was discovered by his neighbors the next day. Now our Meeting is in a state of mourning as we prepare for his burial. Now there is a hole where his life filled a space. Owen came to Meeting every Sunday morning and opened the door for others who would arrive later. He made the coffee, a small, but to coffee lovers, a very significant matter. He was in attendance at delivering his opinions on the variety of topics that arose in First Day School. He had amassed a voluminous knowledge from his reading of history and a familiarity of geography from his far ranging travels. He regularly traveled to Mexico, and throughout the U.S.

But most special, he was the Meeting's memory. His long association with the Meeting began when he was very young and was brought to Woodbury Meeting by his mother, Mary Steward (nee Waddington.) He had a vivid memory of J. Harris, Amos, and Mae Underwood and others. His memory was vital and he could tell fascinating stories about events in the Meeting. I remember him as a teenager asking his mother if he could go to a square dance. He was a contemporary of Joann Sparks (nee Broadhurst.) He was one of those persons whose presence provides a spiritual force, without being intrusive.

We at Woodbury Meeting now mourn, but we are reminded, "Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted." Accompanying our mourning, we feel joy, for we were blessed at having known Owen. And we are filled with hope, for now we must take up the work that he is not here any longer to do. We must come early, open the Meeting, make the coffee, stimulate discussions, and dozens of other gifts he gave us. Our joy is in taking up the tasks he once performed. We hope we can do anywhere near as well.

Revitalizing Quakerism

by J. Valdez

The biggest highlight of my work as Communications Manager for Salem Quarter has been the opportunity to travel around South Jersey, visiting historic meetinghouses and having fellowship with many warm and interesting Friends. I've discovered that the various meetings in Salem Quarter have so much in common but that each has its own personality that makes it wonderfully distinct. I've also been impressed with the Quakers I've met who are doing valuable charitable work in their communities and even throughout the world.

As much as I have enjoyed my work and travels throughout the Quarter, they have been often tinged with a concern for the future sustainability of Quakerism. I've noticed that First Day programs for children are rare or with low participation and that playrooms often go unused. At 36 year old, I am usually the youngest person in attendance. Meeting for worship typically has a very small handful of Friends gathered -- more than once there's only been a single other person to worship with me or my family. It is hard not to take notice of a general sense of things slipping away and no meeting in the Quarter is immune.

Statistics on the future of liberal Quakerism suggest that the experience of Salem Quarter matches local and national trends. Sources like Earlham College show that attendance numbers are everywhere a cause for serious concern. The decline of Quakerism also matches an overall decline in liberal Christianity in America that has been going on for quite some time. This year, I attended a PYM Clerk's gathering on the topic of communications and marketing. At one of the breakout sessions, clerks throughout the yearly meeting expressed worry about their lack of attendance and vitality. Norval Reece, a Quaker with a long résumé of communications experience, was the main speaker that day. He eloquently argued that decline is not inevitable and that meetings must be proactive in their approach to marketing and put in a sustained effort to let their light shine to the greater community.

As Communications Manager, I am tasked with helping meetings set up web sites, improve their communications and raise their visibility. These things are important but in themselves they will not be magical solutions. It is always going to be people and their efforts that makes things work and not the latest technology or marketing gimmick. If a meeting is actively and continually working to increase their vitality that's worth more than any web site or Facebook page (although those

things will almost certainly come into play as part of the plan.) The effort towards vitality is a holistic process that includes everything from evaluating how newcomers are welcomed and what kind of food is served to more sophisticated online marketing efforts. It is an ongoing project of the whole spiritual community and everyone can take part.

I sit on Salem Quarter's Steering Committee and a frequent concern is the struggle for vitality and sustainability at the monthly meeting level. It was great to hear the recent good news that Norval Reece, who spoke so eloquently at the PYM Clerks gathering, has committed to speak at our March 2017 Quarterly Meeting in Woodstown on the topic of revitalizing and marketing meetings. Reece is an expert marketer and his own meeting, Newtown Friends, has been experiencing impressive growth. This is a tremendous opportunity that I hope Friends in the Quarter will take advantage of. Reversing the trend of decline is one of the most pressing issues we face. We wouldn't be Quakers if we didn't feel this tradition was valuable and important. We each then have a responsibility to keep vital our little piece of Quakerism in South Jersey for future generations.

Worship & Ministry Report

9/9/2016

The committee met at the home of Michael & Rebecca Shapiro (Salem) on Friday evening, 9/9. Eight Friends were present with three out of the seven meetings in the Quarter represented as well as a visitor from outside the Quarter.

After opening worship, we reviewed the plans in place for the Lecture-Discussion series on the Journals of Joshua Evans and John Hunt. Chris Densmore, curator of the Historical Library at Swarthmore College will be leading the series which begins with an introductory session at Quarterly Meeting this week at Mullica Hill and continues at Friends Village on 9/22, 10/6, 10/20, 11/3, and 11/17 (alternating Thursdays) at 7:00 pm. We anticipate making the entire series available as a podcast on *Clearly Quaker*; check for the link on the Quarter website. Flyers for the introductory session were distributed by Tom Etherington last week. Flyers focusing on the series are available for distribution now. We determined that they could be placed at Friends Village, Friends School Mullica Hill, and Salem County Historical Society and in each of the Quarter meetings. We also noted the need to advertise on the Quarter website, and Facebook page and the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting community calendar. Friends were encouraged to share this information wherever possible.

The Steering Committee referred a new program offered by Friends General Conference in the fall 2016 for our consideration. “The Spiritual Deepening Program invites newcomers, individual Friends, and meetings to explore how Quaker spiritual practice can transform lives and take us deeper into the life of the Spirit. The goal of this program is to bring the full depth, joy, and fire of Quaker faith and practice to our daily lives, to our meetings, and to those who come to our meeting as seekers. The Spiritual Deepening Program offers varied content and a flexible structure through which small groups of Friends can go deep together. The program serves those who are new to the Quaker Way by presenting resources important to the personal and communal spiritual journey. It serves Friends who are no longer new by providing additional depth and encouragement to continue their travel on the Quaker journey. Together in small groups, Friends will discuss foundational Quaker readings, share and listen to spiritual stories, and explore spiritual practices. The content will be accessible for all seekers with activi-

ties for adults, children, and all ages together.” (<http://www.fgcquaker.org/deepen/enrichment/spiritualdeepening>)

We theorized that the fall 2017 might be an appropriate time to sponsor this program. Friends General Conference may have refined this new program by then and the *Revitalizing* program at our March Quarterly Meeting may provide incentive to participate.

We discussed the opportunity to utilize electronic communications to remove many of the barriers that discourage Friends from these types of ongoing workshops or seminars. Individual participants or small groups of participants would interact via video, audio, or text chats over the internet using smart phones, tablets or computers. Small groups would enable those with internet access and knowledge to share their gifts with Friends with tech support. We considered the appeal the program in this format might have for our young adults; no need to add travel time or find babysitters, participate from home in PJ's, if you choose!

Friends General Conference suggests a “pay as led” fee. We would be interested to have the Quarter subsidize at least part of the cost to remove any financial obstacles. This could be considered by the Finance Committee when they propose the 2017-18 FY budget.

Phil Anthony (Chestnut Hill) reported that the Gifts Working Group recently met for their annual meeting. They checked in on one another and noted the strong support they experienced despite the infrequency of their physical gathering. He shared their formal report with the group.

We closed in worship and prayer, holding in the Light those Friends whom we knew had a specific need and those of whom we may be unaware. Many committees experience peaks and valleys over time, Friend agreed that this committee has been steadfast and strong. We shared our gratitude for the opportunity to gather in love and support.

Ripples upon the Far Shore

George A. Crispin

Sometimes the most unlikely circumstances develop under the most modest of situations. Thus it was that I was shopping in a large grocery store pushing a cart down an aisle looking again for the mayonnaise.

Then it happened. A woman I did not recognize rushed up to me and gave me a big hug. Not knowing my charms with the ladies to be that pervading, I was temporarily without words and frozen where I stood. "Perhaps you don't remember me," she said. I didn't. "But you are responsible for my graduating from high school."

It turned out that the woman, as a high school student, was in my class and was failing. So despondent, she decided to drop out of school and go to work. However, I counseled her against doing that and assured her she could succeed if she tried hard enough. Thus it evolved that I stayed after school with her every day for weeks and weeks and helped her with her course work, in my class and other classes. Gradually her grades improved, and eventually she graduated from high school. She married one of her fellow students and I lost track of her over the years, until the big hug.

She related the story of how I had helped her, how much difference it made in her life, and how grateful she was. I had forgotten my past association with her until her relating it jogged my memory.

This incident brings to focus a larger picture. How many ways have we done something deeply beneficial for someone and it has joined the other forgotten memories buried within the recesses of our mind.

The bad things we have done, things that have hurt others, we try to forget. But often we underestimate how the farthest shore may be touched by the ripples of some goodness that we have done. If we are realistic we must know that there are thousands of kindnesses we have done and have been forgotten.

The Bible teaches us a somewhat perplexing passage, "Overcome evil with good." I have long struggled with this teaching. How might I overcome with good an intruder intent on doing my family harm. But the hug from a former student because of my past help to her has enabled me to see this Biblical teaching in a larger context. I may not be able to overcome with good the intruder. But if we spend enough of our time and energy doing good, we have less time to do evil. A society that fosters doing good, will see less evil. Let us all think of the good we have done, and forgotten, throughout our lifetime. The fact that we have forgotten it does not diminish its effect. Ponder the tide of effects that our good has done, and that incoming tide floods the evil. And think of the many who have done us good that they have forgotten. Do some good that you may not remember to someone every day. Then let the effects of that good become the rising tide. "Overcome evil with good."

Indian Affairs Committee

Sandra Boone Murphy, clerk

Since our last Quarterly report, June 2016:

Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape v. NJ update – an amicus curiae (Friend of the Court) brief has been signed as requested by legal council. [Chief Dennis Coker (Lenape Tribe of DE) spoke of securing official state recognition, 8-2016; celebration Sept. 24th, Old State House on the Green, Dover]

The committee continues to prepare for the coming opportunity with our Tri-Quarter Gathering (TQG) at Camp Ockanickon, Sept. 30 – Oct. 2. Thanks to Christine Ashley at FCNL and Carol Lively (Greenwich Meeting) literature is available for the IC table display, with suggested donations. We look forward to discovering concerns and personal stories at TQG (and traveling to Mickleton Meeting's Community Day, Oct. 15)

Sandra and Rev. Dr. John Norwood of the Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape, (NL-L) designed their TQG workshop, *At the Edge of the Water*. With gratitude, we recognize the gifts of Rev. Norwood. He is the principal minister to the Prayer Circle Ministry, member of the Tribal Council and Principal Justice of the Tribal Supreme Court of the Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Tribal Nation (NL-L). He is also the pastor of the Ujima Village Christian Church in Ewing, New Jersey, which is a non-denominational urban congregation and member of the World Reformed Fellowship. He is married to Tanya Norwood and they are blessed with three children and three grandchildren.

SQ Friends are invited guests of the NL-L (Fall) Gathering, Oct. 15th and 16th, held on the Cohanzick Tribal Grounds, 75 Westcott Station Road, Fairton, NJ 08302. If needed, please contact the tribal office for more info on etiquette and naming ceremony expectations (856) 455-6910. It is customary to provide a “dish to pass” pot luck. (Etiquette handout available)

Fall conference: Quakers, First Nations, and American Indians: from the 1650s to the 21st Century - Thursday, November 10, 2016 - 5:00pm to Saturday, November 12, 2016 – 7:00pm. Keynote speakers are Jean Soderlund and John Echo-Hawk. The full program agenda is available at this "new" site: <http://www.mceas.org/quakersandamericanindians/overview.htm>

Greetings from The Brick Worship Group (Nottingham MM, BYM) who will jointly gather for worship sharing, to examine our local right relations toward indigenous peoples. Centrally located, The Murphy Farm will host this “brown bag” supper, Thursday, Sept. 22, at 5:00 pm.

With our appreciation, Woodstown Meeting welcomes the next IAC “open, set” meeting 2:00 pm Fri. Oct. 21, 2016.

Information for Visiting

www.salemquarter.net

Greenwich: Upper Great Street P.O. Box 18, Greenwich, N.J. 08323
856-451-8217; from 2 October till June will meet in Upper meeting house-
Worship 9-9:45, After-words and general fellowship 9:45 to 10:00, , First
Day School, children and adults. 10:00 to no longer than 11:00

Mickleton: 413 Kings Highway, PO Box 231, Mickleton, N.J. 08056 856-423-
3782; mickletonmeeting.org ; Worship 10:00 am, children's First-day
School 10:15

Mullica Hill: 2 Woodstown Road (Route 45 just south of Route 77), P.O. Box 67,
Mullica Hill, N.J. 08062; 856- 478-2184; mullicahillfriends.org ;
Worship 9:30 After-words and general fellowship 10:45, Meeting for Learn-
ing 11:15

Salem: East Broadway at Walnut Street, P.O. Box 7, Salem, N.J. 08079;
Worship 10:30; First Day School 9:15 am Sept.-May

Seaville: 3088 South Shore Road (Rte. 9, 1 mile S. of Rte. 50), Ocean View, N.J.
08230; 609-624-1165; seavillequaker.tripod.com ;
Worship 10:00 am **Beach meetings** from Memorial Day to Labor Day
weather permitting **In Cape May** Windsor Ave and the water, 9:00 am
Sundays, **in Ocean City**, 23rd St. and the beach, 8:30 AM Sundays

Southern State Worship Group: Call Roshan Dinshah for info 856-694-3025

Woodbury: 124 North Broad Street, Woodbury, N.J. 08096; 856 -845-5080;
http://www.pym.org/pym_mms/woodburynj_salq/.php [www.meetup.com/
Woodbury-Friends_Meeting](http://www.meetup.com/Woodbury-Friends_Meeting) First-day School 10:00 am, worship 11:15 am

Woodstown, 104 North Main St., P.O. Box 13, Woodstown, N.J. 08098;
856-478-4618 <http://www.woodstownfriends.org> ; First-day School 9:15

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