

# *Salem Quarter News*

*Summer 2020*



*God is our refuge and  
strength, an ever-present help  
in trouble. Therefore  
we will not fear.*

## What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?

*What, to the American slave, is your 4th of July? I answer; a day that reveals to him, more than all other days in the year, the gross injustice and cruelty to which he is the constant victim. To him, your celebration is a sham; your boasted liberty, an unholy license; your national greatness, swelling vanity; your sound of rejoicing are empty and heartless; your denunciation of tyrants brass fronted impudence; your shout of liberty and equality, hollow mockery; your prayers and hymns, your sermons and thanks-givings, with all your religious parade and solemnity, are to him, mere bombast, fraud, deception, impiety, and hypocrisy — a thin veil to cover up crimes which would disgrace a nation of savages. There is not a nation on the earth guilty of practices more shocking and bloody than are the people of the United States, at this very hour.*

*—Frederick Douglass, delivered July 5, 1852, in  
Rochester, N.Y.*

Front Cover

*Serenity: "The calm before any storm" — J. Murphy*

Psalm 46:1-2 (NIV)

# **“Life Styles of the Rich and Famous”** *by Dietrich Preston, Clerk of Quarter*



My wife and I recently visited Newport, RI and we had a number of things on our to-do list. Two of them may have been Quaker no-no's as far as simplicity goes, but we do appreciate art and architecture. For a reasonable fee we were able to tour Elms Mansion owned by Edward Julius Berwind, the Gilded Age capitalist of the coal mining industry, and The Breakers “summer cottage” owned by Cornelius Vanderbilt, another Robber Baron known for his railroad industry. These architectural wonders are no longer palaces where only the wealthy elite can set foot upon, but are open to the public as museums (masks and social distancing strictly enforced nowadays). We absolutely loved the art and architecture, but we also found the behind the scenes kitchens and storage areas, accessed by the staff’s secret doors and corridors, to be fascinating.

In stark contrast, we visited The Great Friends Meeting House. Built in Newport in 1699, it is a rather large structure albeit very plain and simple. Unfortunately, it is no longer an active place of worship, but it is the oldest surviving house of worship in Rhode Island. The meeting house was a reflection of Quaker status within the Newport community. During the first few decades of the eighteenth century, it was the largest and most recognizable building in town. Throughout the 1700s it appeared as a landmark in maps and painted landscapes of Newport. Despite the decline of Quakerism in Newport, additions were constructed to accommodate the New England Yearly Meeting. After the departure of the New England Yearly Meeting of Friends in 1905, the building was used as a recreation center. It became an important meeting place for the African-American community, and it was here that the Martin Luther King Center, a social service agency now located nearby, was founded. It appears that fairly soon after the wealthy elite with their opulent tastes started moving in, Quakers started moving out by dubious coincidence.

Toward the end of our trip I contemplated the events over the past 3 months and the events over hundreds of years of this country’s history. After some significant, notable progress in race relations and improvements in economic disparity, recently there have been some terrible setbacks and still glaring problems with our society. Many times throughout Quaker history Friends were told by detractors that the things that they stood for and social improvements for this country, weren’t going to happen. But they did and there is still much room for improvement.

-Dietrich

***Salem Quarterly Meeting***  
***Meeting for Worship for Business***  
***June 14, 2020***

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, there was no program today. Meeting for business was opened with worship by Clerk Dietrich Preston at 12:00 p.m. using Zoom.

Fourteen friends participated, representing six meetings in the Quarter.

Minutes of last Quarterly Meeting for Business in March were approved.

**Standing Committee Reports:**

*Finance* – Jack Mahon presented a spreadsheet of activity for the past six months, which can be found on page 6. Report was accepted. Jack asked the Quarter Finance Committee to meet this summer. Appreciation was expressed to the Education Committee for faithfully distributing tuition grants.

*Nominating* – No report was forthcoming. Mike Ayars will reach out to committee clerk, Gail Scuderi. It is time for the annual committee list to appear in Salem Quarter News. Steering Committee needs to check its meeting members on the quarter list for accuracy.

*Worship and Ministry* – Jim Murphy reported the committee met by Zoom on June 11 with five members present from four meetings. Friends spoke of their participation in the green graveside memorial service for Jackie Wilson of Mullica Hill Meeting. A virtual inter-visitation was held with Woodbury Meeting via Zoom. See the full report, including how Zoom has changed worship at our meetings, on page 7. Next meeting will be September 10. Worship and Ministry members of all meetings in the Quarter are encouraged to participate.

*Fellowship of Quakers in the Arts* – No report.

*Mullica Hill Friends School* – John Bond was unable to participate but sent a report read by Mike Ayars. The school successfully completed the year using distance learning. Meeting for worship was held by Zoom. A graduation ceremony will be held July 8 for graduates and families. Check the school website for interesting videos celebrating the school's 50th anniversary. The school is repaying loans from Friends Fiduciary.

*Marketing Communications* – Carleton Crispin asked meetings for input for his monthly e-Bulletin about their plans to reopen in-person worship. He would also like information to publish about meeting activities. He was happy to announce that the South Jersey Quakers website has launched with the goal of helping meetings have a digital outreach to increase membership. A grant of \$35,000 from the Shoemaker Fund has supported this effort. See report on page 8.

*Tri-Quarter* – Plans are underway for a virtual tri-quarter gathering this year.

*Lower Alloways Creek Meetinghouse Committee* – Mike Ayars reported the painting is nearly complete. Missing and broken windowpanes have been replaced with period glass.

*Indian Affairs Committee* – Sandra Boone Murphy reported the mini powwow at Bridgeton High School and the Lenape annual powwow have been cancelled. The Pendle Hill conference August 27 – 30 will be held virtually. See page 9 for full report. The committee will meet next on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. A minute of appreciation for Jacqueline Wilson appears on page 12.

*Cemeteries* – Paul Somers reported the grass at Port Elizabeth has been cut twice. A family from the town requested and was granted permission to place a memorial headstone with family in the cemetery even though there is no body or ashes for this person interred there.

*Salem Quarter Newsletter* – Jim Murphy reminded Friends the deadline for submissions is June 16<sup>th</sup>.

*Philadelphia Yearly Meeting* – Bob Horvay reported that Annual Sessions will be held virtually July 29 – August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Workshops are ongoing. Check the PYM website for topics and dates.

### **Old Business:**

*Incorporation status* – Bob Horvay reported that the Certificate and Articles of Incorporation are finished being edited and have been signed. By-laws are the next step.

### **Upcoming Quarterly Meeting programs:**

September 13, 2020 will be hosted by Mickleton, but it is unknown at this time if it will be in-person or virtual. Friends Fiduciary will present a program on shareholder advocacy.

December Quarterly meeting will be on Saturday, December 12 at Mullica Hill Friends School with a presentation about its Global Learning program.

### **New Business:**

Mike Ayars will search the minutes for Jared Valdez’s job description(s) and Paul Somers, Jack Mahon, and Mike Ayars will develop a draft of a current job description for Carleton.

### **Additional Announcements - Around the Quarter:**

*Greenwich* has found that Zoom worship allows for greater attendance from those who don’t usually come. The van Meters have offered to host meeting for worship in their yard next week.

*Mickleton* is holding virtual discussions on the “Twelve Quaker” pamphlets. Mickleton is using Zoom for worship with some Friends participating from the meetinghouse.

*Mullica Hill* is also worshipping virtually. They facilitated a memorial gravesite service at a cemetery that holds green burials.

*Salem* has a small group continuing in-person worship at the meetinghouse and also a separate group worshipping virtually which includes Friends from a distance. They are continuing their study on white fragility at the meetinghouse.

*Seaville* - Paul Somers will reach out to Mike Hainesworth to see how things are at Seaville.

*Woodstown* has been worshipping via Zoom and plans to meet outdoors next week, weather permitting.

*Woodbury* held a beach meeting at Lake Garrison. They welcome Mike McConnell as a new member.

Abby Brace-Higgins asked that we expand activities for children’s learning during virtual worship.

Meeting closed with worship at 2:00 p.m.

Gloria Horvay, Recording Clerk

***Salem Quarter Finance & Budget Summary***  
***6 months complete, December 2019 - May 2020***  
***Jack Mahon***

<b>Cemetery: Port Elizabeth</b>	<b>\$135.00</b>
<b>Donations: Tri-Q; FSMH</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>
<b>Insurance</b>	<b>\$2,516.00</b>
<b>Alloway Crk Grounds</b>	<b>\$635.00</b>
<b>Allo Crk Maint &amp; Preserv</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<b>\$879.00</b>
<b>Marketing Consultant</b>	<b>\$1,999.00</b>
<b>Newsletter: List; mail;</b>	<b>\$704.00</b>
<b>Newsletter: Postage</b>	<b>\$870.00</b>
<b>Postage &amp; Fees</b>	<b>\$76.00</b>
<b>T&amp;C, W&amp;M, etc.</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>
<b>Program &amp; Child Care</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>
<b>Reinvest</b>	<b>\$2,050.00</b>
<b>Scholarships</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Webpage</b>	<b>\$274.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$10,888.00</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$12,199.00</b>
<b>Covenants YTD</b>	<b>\$5,295.00</b>

Mowing has begun at both Port Elizabeth and Alloways Creek.

A \$300 donation was made in the spring to Friends School Mullica Hill for their annual auction.

Almost all of “Miscellaneous” was for the legal work, now complete, of incorporation.

Two issues of Salem Quarter News have been published.

On behalf of the Indian Affairs Committee, a \$200 donation was made to a student project at Bridgeton High School.

Total income includes approximately \$3500 Educational Fund income from Friends Fiduciary Corp.

Three monthly meetings have each made two covenant payments; two have each made one.

*Salem Quarter Worship & Ministry Committee Meeting  
June 11, 2020*

Salem Quarter Worship & Ministry met online with five members from four meetings present, Jim Murphy as clerk.

During our check-ins before worship, we lifted Jackie Wilson's life and her recent outdoor natural memorial service. Her recommended book, *"Braiding Sweetgrass"* by Robin Wall Kimmerer, was part of her journey with Salem Quarter Friends. Also, of note, was a mention of Rachel Davis DuBois with a Friend's reference to her work, paraphrased: *"There is something out there that we haven't discovered that is yet to be discovered."*

We settled into silent worship before our official work began.

We discussed our experience of the last 3 months using Zoom. Options require a fully attentive administrator. We are becoming more aware of technologies effectiveness, limitations, and ways to recover.

We spoke of our prior virtual intervisitation with Woodbury Meeting, where discussions evolved around forgiving and being forgiven as a lifelong journey. More visits will be entertained as way opens.

We continue to seek members. Not only for our own Worship Committee, but for Monthly meetings as well. As we progress toward the outside of Covid-19, a hybrid virtual/physical presence might draw additional members, attenders, and newcomers. Broadcasting vocal ministries out of silent worship, however, might be a concern for those that expect local privacy.

It was brought forward that Zoom has allowed Meetings to have fulfilling multi-hour sessions. Time is scheduled for greetings, tech resolutions, general queries, worship, and meetings for learning, healing, or business. It was noted that children are not typically in attendance, and a query was made for how to include them. Perhaps activities in the style of Melinda Werner Bradley might help nurture their future participation.

The quote by Jan Wood, *"Faith is not hoping that something is true or accepting blindly someone's assertions. Faith is acting on the knowings that we have, in full recognition that they may be misguided or incomplete,"* led a member to Jan's paper "SPIRITUAL GIFTS & THE ORGANIZATION" which this committee is currently reviewing.

We mentioned that the recent Spiritual State of Meeting reports might now need to be revisited in these pandemic times, but we will hold over such deep discussions for the future.

We would like to be a continued resource to our Quarter, possibly with entries in Salem Quarter News or Salemquarter.net to advertise our faithful presence. One word-of-mouth success as a resource, was our involvement in Intercessional Prayer whose need was brought to us by a concerned Quaker.

And finally, *"Our Life is Love"* by Marcelle Martin continues to appear in observed word and thought. A newly found comprehensive study guide is under review.

We closed with silent worship.

Respectfully submitted, Jim Murphy

## *Marketing Communications Report Carleton Crispin*

The South Jersey Quakers Coalition was pleased to announce the launch of their new website:

[www.southjerseyquakers.org](http://www.southjerseyquakers.org)

Official announcement text:

*Friends from Burlington, Haddonfield and Salem Quarters have started a new website to facilitate communication between Friends and to invite the public to learn more about our faith and our community. Key features include a map, key historic events, a calendar, and resources. Friends are invited to help submit news and photos from your meeting's activities, contribute additional items to the timeline of local Quaker history, or volunteer to help in other ways. In the coming months, online advertising will be used to attract potential Seekers. Meanwhile, meetings are encouraged to review their digital presence (websites, Facebook) and processes for welcoming and integrating new Seekers.*

There is also an article about the launch in PYM:

[www.pym.org/burlington-haddonfield-and-salem-quarters-come-together-to-launch-south-jersey-quakers-website](http://www.pym.org/burlington-haddonfield-and-salem-quarters-come-together-to-launch-south-jersey-quakers-website)

South Jersey Quakers Coalition was also pleased to announce that it has received a \$35,000 grant from the Shoemaker Fund!

The fund will go towards bolstering Quaker attendance and membership in meetings through digital outreach by teaching meetings to have a digital presence. It will also produce videos for outreach purposes.

The e-Bulletin is still going smoothly. There are slightly fewer events and Quaker related articles due to Covid-19, so always feel free to send things in!



*Salem Quarter Indian Affairs Committee  
Quarterly Report, Sixth Month, 2020*



*Faith is...acting on the knowings that we have, in full recognition that they may be misguided or incomplete.*

*~Jan Wood*

With humility, we acknowledge that the land of each Salem Quarter meeting house is on traditional territory of the Lenni-Lenape People. By acknowledging the continued presence of “original people” in their homeland, and their relationship with their territory, we affirm the Lenape sachems of Scheyichbi (South Jersey), their aspirations, and words of perpetual peace and friendship, “...as long as the sun shines, and the rivers flow, our hearts are bound to yours.” ~sbm

Witness of this committee continues while physically distancing (due to COVID-19) and postponing a beach-side sojourn. Similarly, Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape friends have cancelled the mini-powwow at Bridgeton HS and NL-L Tribe’s annual powwow. We notice that predominant culture’s media rarely includes indigenous voice, in contrast with environmental/ scientific magazines that increasingly support indigenous wisdom and environmental justice. We read anew of forest fire management, replanting of native trees, and that land “remembers.” The *Working Toward Right Relationship with Indigenous Peoples* biennial conference at Pendle Hill will be held virtually, August 27 – 30. Artist/ photographer Juliette Angotti has gifted Allie Mosley, NL-L Princess and BHS senior, a portfolio representative of her path since being crowned in 2017. The IAC’s next set meeting will be **Thurs. September 03, 2020** (aka: Fifth-day of the week, Third day, 9<sup>th</sup> mo 2020). Glory to Spirit for continued guidance, resilience, and joy as we walk in Truth and acknowledge light of Jacqueline Wilson. [Editor’s note: Minute of Appreciation on Page 12.]

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the committee, Sandra Boone Murphy, SQ IAC facilitator.



*The Glass Memorial Peace Essay Contest  
Mickleton and Mullica Hill Monthly Meetings  
“Making Peace with the Earth”*

Mickleton Monthly Meeting and Mullica Hill Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends presents the winner of the eleventh annual Glass Memorial Peace Essay Contest.

Focusing on the theme “*Making Peace with the Earth,*” essay writers considered the following statements:

Greta Thunberg:

*“Humanity is now standing at a crossroads. We must now decide what path we want to take. What do we want the future living conditions for all species to be like?”*

Right Sharing of World Resources:

*“We must make peace with the natural world if we want to make peace with each other. To survive, we need bold new perspectives, conversations and changes in our everyday lives that hold our every act to standards of peace and justice.”*

Entrants also followed these queries: What is your biggest concern with our endangered environment and why? What do you see being done to improve these conditions? What choices and actions could you take to improve these conditions?

The winning essay follows:

*Amaya Beatty, Essay Winner*

The environment is the life source of all living things, including humans. We receive many benefits from the environment. In fact, the environment gives us everything we need to live. We get our food, water, shelter, and other resources for survival. But while the Earth has been giving and giving to us humans, we’ve been taking lots of things, but never giving back. Like in the story, *The Giving Tree*, the boy took everything from the tree, all the way down to the trunk. Yet the boy didn’t do anything to show his gratitude except sit on the stump when he got older. We’ve taken so much, and now we have to find a way to give back. The government has tried a few ideas, such as climate policies they have made. The climate policies were supposed to make energy prices higher so that businesses would end up using less energy, but that idea has only become an economic obstacle, and hasn’t done much for the environment either. Finding an effective, low-cost solution will help the environment in the best way possible.

My biggest environmental concern is marine pollution and its effect on underwater ecosystems. This issue is mainly caused by the overproduction of plastic and plastic materials. But it's not the only thing. Littering, sewage, oil spills, and more are additional causes of ocean pollution. About 18 billion pounds of plastic wind up in the ocean every year. This large amount of plastic just adds to the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, which is an island in the Pacific Ocean that is now twice the size of Texas. There are also marine dead zones in the ocean that have been created by pollution, making life impossible to live and develop there. Marine life is affected by pollution as well. Fish and other marine life often cannot tell the difference between plastic and food. They accidentally consume the plastic, mistaking it for food. The animals can't digest plastic, so they think they are full, but unknowingly starve themselves. Plastic can also disrupt an animal's digestive system, and cause problems for the animal. Marine pollution is the greatest environmental issue, and needs to be addressed.

There are establishments devoted to keeping the oceans as clean as possible, for the sake of the life that lives in it. 4Ocean is one of them. 4Ocean makes bracelets from recycled plastic and fishing line found in the ocean. If you buy one, that equals a pound of trash that is removed from the ocean. Plastic Pollution Coalition is a global alliance of more than 1,000 organizations, businesses and leaders from 60 countries working together to make a world without plastic pollution. While businesses dedicated to these sort of issues help a lot, there are things that we as citizens can do as well. For example, buy a bracelet from 4Ocean. That is one less pound of trash in the ocean, and you helped to make that happen. Another option is to buy biodegradable or recyclable materials. For example, if you buy a product made out of plastic or plastic materials, look at the bottom of the container. If there is a one or a two inside a recycling symbol, then you can recycle that product. This includes things like water bottles, shampoo bottles, and some types of plastic bags. These are just a few of the things that we can do as citizens to help the planet.

There are various environmental issues that need to be addressed, but marine pollution is perhaps the most pressing environmental problem in our world today. With groups of people coming together to make the world a better place, we can achieve a much better lifestyle for everyone. There are even things we can do as individuals that are very simple, yet very impactful. Just turning off lights in the house when you're done using them can save so much energy, or even recycling. Though our Earth is at an environmental fork-in-the-road, the solution is very simple. As Greta Thunberg said, "No one is too small to make a difference." The difference starts with us.



***Minute of Appreciation:  
Light & Witness of Jacqueline Wilson***

Dr. Jacqueline Wilson found herself attending a Salem Quarterly meeting; having heard a land acknowledgement she leaned closer and made inquiry about this Religious Society of Friends. Life experiences and concerns drew her attention to Indigenous ways, and shortly after acknowledging her chosen meeting with Mullica Hill Friends, Jackie accepted formal nomination to serve as member of SQ Indian Affairs Committee. Friends came to know Jackie as one who was led to seek, observe, listen, and heal; be present in the moment with an open mind & heart; gift smiles, words of wisdom, hope; and harness fortitude to overcome obstacles. Jackie believed in cycles of natural reciprocity and exemplified testimonies of simplicity, relationship, stewardship, and practice of hospitality. She was bluff, having stated during an IAC meeting, “I can’t see with this eye and you can barely hear!” We have also heard from sister Joy, “Jackie did things differently than most people” and while we find this true, it is precisely how one’s love might best flow. Having found her way to our community, we hold dear the blessings of Friend Jacqueline Wilson, who crossed over June 1, 2020. As a beacon, may we bear her light in community, drawing one another nearer to Spirit.



## **REMATRIATION**

By sandy of scheyichbi



**All of Creation,  
has its rightful place on Mother Earth,  
with a story -  
glory, acknowledgement, apology;  
joyfully, lovingly, simply being,  
where one belongs.**

(This submission is part of an ongoing series of REMATRIATION pieces taken up by this author. The poetic piece here is in response to a PYM 2020 poetry request for submission; the photograph, *Feather & Shell*, honors the transition of a dear friend with an act of rematriating feathers.)

*REMATRIATION: A Spiritual Relationship*  
*By sandra boone murphy*

All the wonderous gifts pictured - shiny, dull, smooth, rough, soft, hard, solid, variegated, small, large, young, and old – are making their way back to where they belong. Each return has been placed with a story that includes gratitude for being inspirational teachers, acknowledgement of their relations, and an apology for having been removed.



Steven Newcomb (Shawnee, Lenape) explains acts of rematriation as returning **“a living culture to its rightful place on Mother Earth,”** or restoring **“a spiritual way of life, in sacred relationship with their ancestral lands, without external interference.”**

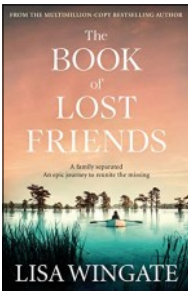
**Friends’ Quaker Earthcare Witness (QEW) vision statement says, “WE ARE CALLED to live in right relationship with all Creation, recognizing that the entire world is interconnected and is a manifestation of God.”**

All of Creation has their story of belonging, an interconnectedness to place. This Friend’s decades of habitually collecting memory markers and story starters has shifted to acts of observation, wonder, and listening.

**With clearness, the return of** these precious gifts of the Creator is witness of caring for Earth as well as her people. There is spiritual joy in rematriating life of the ocean to the beach. Should there be “kin” - shell, pebble, feather, bone - along coming paths, they will be intentionally honored more simply in that moment and remain in relationship to where they belong.

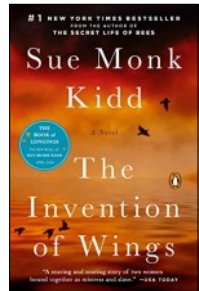
## *Read Any Good Books Lately?* By Gloria Horvay

I love historical fiction. It seems the more we know about our past, the better we can direct our future. Books about slavery in America, and later experiences of being black in America, give us a perspective on our times and the direction we should be taking. The books that follow portray strong women taking a stand during difficult circumstances.



A recent powerful book by Lisa Wingate, *The Book of Lost Friends*, takes place in Louisiana in 1885. Hanny, a former slave, spends her life tracking down her family members sold away from each other. The book is also about Benny, a high school teacher in 1987 in the same town in Louisiana, helping her students find their roots, which include descendants of Hanny. The book was inspired by actual “Lost Friends” ads in a church newspaper posted by former slaves. These ads were read on Sunday mornings in churches across the South.

Another well-known author, Sue Monk Kidd, writes works of historical fiction with strong, spiritual women as main characters. You may have read her book, *The Invention of Wings*, about a slave girl from Charleston who comes to Philadelphia in the early 1800’s with the Grimke sisters to be a part of the abolition and women’s rights movements. She lives in a Quaker household and works with Lucrecia Mott.



Kidd’s latest book, *The Book of Longings*, takes the reader back through time to Israel under Roman rule in 18 CE. Kidd has boldly written a fictional account of Ana, who married Jesus when he was 20 and she was 16. Could Jesus have had a wife? Little is known of Jesus until he began his ministry at the age of 30. Is this story credible? I welcome your opinion.



*Friends Village at Woodstown*  
*Arianne Hegeman*

The past few months have presented significant challenges to every healthcare organization in the nation. Frontline staff all over America have continued to provide care and services to those in need, despite their concern for themselves and their families. Friends Village at Woodstown is proud to have more than 200 heroic employees of our own who have stayed committed to our mission to provide comprehensive services to seniors based on Quaker principles that promote independence with choice, respect and security.

Our community and services may look a little different right now. All dining rooms are closed, group activities have been postponed and most significantly, no visitors are permitted on site. Our hallways are much quieter and smiles are covered by personal protection masks. But our intentions have remained the same. We are doing everything we can to keep our residents and staff members safe and healthy.

We have an obligation to do whatever it takes to carry out our mission, which is why we transformed our storage rooms and offices into a 10 bed COVID-19 isolation wing in early April. The project involved a new roof and flooring as well as updated room configurations but took only 13 days to complete, due to the dedication of our facilities team. Our medical staff of administrators, directors, and nurses coordinated the purchasing of supplies and developed procedures to ensure the safety of everyone on our campus. A group of clinical staff members that include licensed and registered nurses as well as certified nursing assistants volunteered to serve as our "COVID 19 Team," making themselves the only caregivers to work with COVID-19 patients. This selfless act allowed remaining staff members to care for other residents without the threat of virus transmission. We are proud to say that we have been caring for dozens of seniors from all over South Jersey who have contracted COVID-19 since this new wing opened on April 15th.

In addition, we are testing every one of our seniors and staff members for COVID-19 on a weekly basis. This enables us to immediately isolate anyone who tests positive, reducing the spread of the disease. Mandatory testing like this also allows the affected individual to receive medical attention prior to symptoms arising, with hopes of a quick and easier recovery.

These efforts are necessary and extremely important. But they are also costly. The COVID-19 Isolation Wing cost over \$120,000 to complete and the weekly COVID-19 testing comes at a price of \$60,000 per week. Due to the nature of the public health crisis, these expenses were unexpected. To complicate matters, we have had to cancel our major fundraising events such as our Vacation Raffle and our Golf Outing due to social distancing and business operation restrictions. Our thoughts are with the businesses who have generously supported these events as many of them have also been affected by the Corona Virus pandemic.

Friends Village at Woodstown thanks everyone who has reached out to us during this time. We have received gift cards, homemade face masks, and financial donations that have helped offset some of the cost of our COVID-19 projects. We are humbled and honored to know that we are on the minds of so many.



*Keeping Our Community Close with  
Distance Learning!*  
by John Bond, Clerk of the Board of Trustees

Adapting has been the order of the day since mid-March. The Stay-at-Home orders have meant all aspects of society adjusting, and this has included Friends School Mullica Hill. The school has been keeping close with Distance Learning. To do this has meant being nimble enough to adapt while continuing to provide great educational opportunities.



The faculty have used video technology and Google Classroom to continue to engage students. Meeting for Worship and Worship Sharing have moved online as well. The students have more than risen to the occasion and seen the change as an opportunity.

Graduation, always the highpoint of the year, has been pushed back to Wednesday, July 8, at 7:00 p.m. It is scheduled to be a live event. Because of social distancing requirements, the seating will need to be more spread out than normal, but we are happy to be planning to be honoring our fine Eighth Graders in person.

The school continues to celebrate its 50th Anniversary despite the lockdown. The FSMH History Project continues. There are over twenty videos on the school's history from its leaders, past and present. There are so many great memories included. You can see them at [www.friendsmh.org/fsmh50](http://www.friendsmh.org/fsmh50).

There is also a blog that details many events in the timeline of the school. You can read the stories at [www.friendsmh.org/blog](http://www.friendsmh.org/blog). We had a gala celebration planned for the anniversary that we have had to push back to the Fall of 2020. Stay tuned for more details.

The school continues to thrive while adapting. Friends School Mullica Hill looks forward to providing a great Quaker education to the students in the Fall as the world continues to adapt and change.

# ***Officers and Committees of Salem Quarterly Meeting***

*As of June 2020*

**Clerk – three-year term, two consecutive terms only; first term ends 2021**

*Dietrich Preston, WBY*

**Assistant Clerk – three-year term**

*Ad hoc as needed*

**Recording Clerk – interim**

*Gloria Horvay, MIC*

**Treasurer – three-year term ends 2023**

*Jack Mahon, WTN*

**Assistant Treasurer – three-year term**

*(TBD)*

**Salem Quarter Trustees: Cemetery-Grounds – three-year term, at least one per monthly meeting**

**Responsible for the care and maintenance of the properties and cemeteries entrusted and/ or deeded to Salem Quarter, excluding the Lower Alloways Creek Meetinghouse and surrounding grounds.**

2021: *David Cadwallader, SAL*

*Paul Somers, GRN (clerk)*

2023: *Maurice W. Ayars Jr., WTN*

*Barbara Jean Chadwick, SEA*

*Rick Williams, MIC*

**Salem Quarter Auditors – three-year term**

**Responsible for the annual audit of the accounts of the treasurer.**

2022: *Ben Ford, SAL*

2023: *Gloria Horvay, MIC*

*Walt Pierson, MIC*

**Salem Quarter Liaison with Friends School at Mullica Hill Board of Trustees – three-year term**

**Act as a liaison, disseminating information between the school and the Quarter.**

2022: *John Bond, MIC*

*For personal contact information, please refer to the print edition or contact your Steering Committee representative.*

**Salem Quarter Education Fund Committee – three-year term  
Receive applications for scholarship, determine scholarship awards and disseminate distribution of funds.**

2021: *Robert Holden, SEA*  
2022: *Alice Waddington, SAL*  
*Judy Isenhardt, MIC*  
2023: *Tacie Trull, SAL (clerk)*  
*Sally Crane, WTN*  
*Nicole Rayborn, MUL*

**Salem Quarter Worship and Ministry – terms not established  
Responsible for the provision of guidance and support for the spiritual life of the Quarter and the support of the Monthly Meeting W & M committees in the Quarter.**

**(All members of Monthly Meeting Worship & Ministry or Ministry & Oversight Committees)**

Clerk, currently rotating clerks each Quarter.  
Recording Clerk, *Christine Cameron, SAL*

**PYM Nominating Committee – three-year term, Quarter entitled to two members**

**Representatives from the Quarter bring names from the Quarter to the attention of the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee in an effort to match gifts and skills to appropriate PYM committees.**

2021: *Bob Horvay, MIC*

**Salem Quarter Lower Alloways Creek Committee: Meetinghouse-Property – members to be nominated by the committee and approved by Quarterly Meeting**

**An action group to oversee stewardship, management and use of the Lower Alloways Creek Meetinghouse building and property.**

*Penny Watson, GRN*  
*Mary Waddington, SAL*  
*Jim Waddington, SAL*  
*Paul Somers, GRN*  
*David Culver, SAL (clerk)*  
*Maurice W. Ayars Jr., WTN (clerk)*  
*Keith Ragone, WTN*  
*Preston Carpenter, SAL*  
*David Cadwallader, SAL*  
*Christine Cameron, SAL*  
*Andrew Cadwallader, SAL*  
*Lisa Garrison, GRN*  
*Ron Magill*

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**Indian Affairs Committee – members to be nominated by the committee and approved by Quarterly Meeting**

**This Quarter Committee formed 12/2009 with unity, to faithfully ally with the Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Tribal Nation and act as a liaison between this Tribe and the Quarter.**

*Sandra Boone Murphy, MIC (clerk)*

*Lois Dinshah, MUL*

*Carol Lively, GRN*

*Jim Murphy, WBY*

**Salem Quarter Steering Committee – appointed by monthly meetings**

**Ex officio, quarter officers. Responsible to act on behalf of the Quarter between quarterly sessions, arrange for quarterly meeting programs, and other such business as directed by the Quarter.**

*Paul Somers, GRN (clerk)*

*Bob Horvay, MIC*

*Gloria Horvay, MIC*

*Tom Etherington, MUL*

*Michael Hainsworth, SEA*

*Diane Metz, SEA*

*Helena Bew, SEA*

*Maurice W. Ayars Jr., WTN*

*Jack Mahon, WTN*

*Dietrich Preston, WBY*

*Carleton Crispin, WBY*

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**Finance Committee – appointed by monthly meetings, one per meeting**

**Ex officio, Steering Committee treasurer.**

**Responsible for the creation of an annual proposed budget based on the covenants pledged by the Monthly Meetings in the Quarter. Final budget approval is given by the Quarter in session.**

*Burt Doremus, GRN*

*Barry Sloane, MIC*

*Joan Boarts, MUL*

*Ben Ford, SAL*

*Diane Metz, SEA*

*Jack Mahon, WTN*

**Nominating Committee – appointed by monthly meetings, two per meeting plus one from Friends Village Board**

**Responsible for bringing forth names and securing the willingness to serve on Quarter Committees as approved by the Quarter.**

*Grace Thompson, GRN*

*Anne Lester, MIC*

*Ruth van Veenendaal, MIC*

*Peggy Warner, MUL*

*Ben Ford, SAL*

*Diane Metz, SEA*

*Gail Scuderi, WTN (co-clerk)*

*Chris Mahon, WTN (co-clerk)*

*Dana Gayner, SAL*

*Mary Waddington, SAL*

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## **Clerks of Meetings**

Greenwich: *Grace E. Thompson*  
Mickleton: *Barry Sloane* (co-clerk)  
*Emily Blanck* (co-clerk)  
Mullica Hill: *Jeffrey Summerton*  
Salem: *Chuck Devers*  
Seaville: *Michael Hainsworth*  
Woodbury: *Dietrich Preston*  
Woodstown: *Sally Crane*

## **Friends Village at Woodstown Board of Trustees – three-year term, nominated by Friends Village, approved by Quarterly Meeting**

2022: *Arley Johnson*, MIC  
*Jeffery T. Gibson*, WTN  
*John Bond*, MIC  
2023: *Joan Ayars*, SAL (treasurer)  
*Sandy Ridgeway*, MUL (clerk)  
*Tacie Trull*, SAL  
*Penelope Watson*, GRN  
*Daniel J. Murray*  
*Carlton Gardner*  
*Richard Warner*  
*Glenn Shirley*

## **Salem Quarterly Meeting members appointed by Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Sessions – See PYM website (governance handbook) for full descriptions**

Administrative Council:  
*Emily Blanck*, MIC  
*Jim Waddington*, SAL  
Quaker Life Council:  
*Julia Carrigan*, MIC

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## ***Information for Visiting Subject to Change***

(see also [www.salemquarter.net](http://www.salemquarter.net))

**Greenwich:** First Day (Sunday) Meeting for Worship: 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.  
October – May at **Upper Meeting House**, 720 Ye Greate Streete, Greenwich, NJ and June – September at the **Lower Meeting House**, 1064 Ye Greate Streete, Greenwich, NJ

**Mickleton:** 413 Kings Highway, P.O. Box 231, Mickleton, N.J. 08056;  
856-423-3782; [mickletonmeeting.org](http://mickletonmeeting.org); Worship 10:00 a.m., children's  
First-day School 10:15 a.m.

**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](http://mullicahillfriends.org);  
Worship 9:45 a.m. After-words and general fellowship 10:45 a.m.,  
Meeting for Learning 11:15 a.m.

**Salem:** East Broadway at Walnut Street, P.O. Box 7, Salem, N.J. 08079;  
856-935-3381; Adult First Day School 9:30 a.m. and Children's First Day  
School 10:45 a.m. Sept.-May (gathering from Meeting for Worship at  
10:30 a.m.)

**Seaville:** 3088 Shore Road (Rte. 9, 1 mile S. of Rte. 50), Ocean View, N.J.  
08230; [seavillequaker.tripod.com](http://seavillequaker.tripod.com); Worship 10:00 a.m.;  
**Beach meetings:** Sundays from Memorial Day to Labor Day weather  
permitting, in **Cape May** Grant St near the life guard building 9:00 a.m.,  
in **Ocean City**, 23rd St and the beach 8:30 a.m.

**Southern State Worship Group:** Call Bill Geary 609-898-8892

**Woodbury:** 124 North Broad Street, Woodbury, N.J. 08096; 856-845-5080;  
[www.pym.org/meetings/meeting/woodbury-monthly-meeting](http://www.pym.org/meetings/meeting/woodbury-monthly-meeting); First-day  
School 10:00 a.m., Worship 11:15 a.m.

**Woodstown,** 104 North Main St., P.O. Box 13, Woodstown, N.J. 08098;  
856-478-4618; [www.woodstownfriends.org](http://www.woodstownfriends.org); First-day School 9:15 a.m.,  
Worship 10:30 a.m.

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***Next Quarterly Meeting***  
***Sunday, September 13, 2020***  
***Hosted by Mickleton***

*(It is unknown at this time if it will be in-person or online.)*

*Anticipated schedule, subject to change:*

*10:00 Worship*

*11:00 Friends Fiduciary will present a program on  
shareholder advocacy.*

*Noon Lunch*

*1:00 Meeting for Business*