ANNAPOLIS FRIENDS NEWSLETTER — JULY 2014

CALENDAR

- Meeting for worship: 11 a.m. on First Days
- First Day School for children will begin again after Labor Day.
- Nursery care for our youngest: 11 a.m.
- Meetings for Worship with a Concern for Business: 1st First Day of month at 9 a.m.
- Adult religious education: As noted in calendar below
- Early meeting for worship (weather permitting outdoors) at 8 a.m. on 2nd, 4th, and 5th First Days
- Pastoral Care is offering a monthly Meeting for Healing on first Thursdays, 7 8 p.m. (April 3)
- North County mid-week meetings: First Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Call 410-439-2319 for more information.
- Meditation study group will resume after Labor Day with Suzuki's "Zen Mind, Beginner's Mind."
- NOTE: The deadline for submitting newsletter items is the 20th of the month

JULY 6: 9 a.m. Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business; 11 a.m. Meeting for Worship

JULY 13: 8 a.m. Early Meeting for Worship; 11 a.m. Meeting for Worship

JULY 20: 9 a.m. Committee Meetings; 11 a.m. Meeting for Worship

JULY 27: 8 a.m. Early Meeting for Worship; 9:15 a.m. Meeting for Learning: Vocal Ministry; 11 a.m. Meeting for Worship; 1 p.m. Potluck lunch

CARE OF THE MEETING HOUSE: Ministry & Worship

QUERIES FOR SEVENTH MONTH: CARING FOR OTHERS

Do you respect that of God in every person? Do you search yourself for, and strive to eliminate prejudices such as those related to race, religion, gender, age, sexual orientation and economic condition?

In what ways do you accept and appreciate differences among your friends and associates? Do you avoid exploiting or manipulating others to accomplish ends, however worthy? (Faith & Practice, p. 40)

MEETING FOR LEARNING: VOCAL MINISTRY

On July 27 at 9:15 a.m., explore discernment of speaking in Meeting for Worship. Co-leaders: Marcia O and Dotty D.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION 2014 - 2015: DO YOU SEEK A DEEPER SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE?

The Baltimore Yearly Meeting Spiritual Formation Program invites its participants into a deeper experience of God's presence through retreats, devotional readings, spiritual community and individual spiritual practices. Spiritual Formation provides a practical way for people in our busy culture to turn to God with their minds through spiritual reading, with their hearts through daily spiritual practices and with their human relationships through local friendship groups.

Participants attend retreat weekends at the beginning (September 5-7, 2014) and end (May 8-10, 2015) of the Program year. During the year, participants attend two meetings per month: (1) the Meeting of the local group to share reflections on a spiritual book that all have agreed to read; and (2) the Meeting of the friendship group, a subset of the local group -- usually three to five people -- who meet to share spiritual journeys and to support one another in spiritual practices. In addition, each participant is encouraged to devote at least 15 minutes per day to a spiritual practice. Those who

participate in the Program are rewarded with a closer relationship with God and an opportunity to form deep spiritual friendships.

If you would like to participate in the 2014 - 2015 Spiritual Formation Program, download the registration form to print, complete, and mail. Remember that registrations must be sent by August 10, 2014. The full cost of participation over the year is \$400.00, but adult scholarship is available from Annapolis Friends Meeting if needed for participation. Contact Kim F or Patty R of Ministry and Worship for additional information.

LIBRARY CORNER

"Following Jesus: the Heart of Faith and Practice," by Paul Anderson

This book is written by an Evangelical Quaker minister. It emphasizes each individual personally contacting God and being open to the Spirit. It is comprehensive in its discussion of Quaker practice and testimonies. it is very readable.

Reviewed by Nancy K

QUAKER QUOTES FOR JULY

Divine love imposeth no rigorous or unreasonable commands, but graciously points out the spirit of brotherhood and way to happiness. (John Woolman)

The gift of love is the gift of the power and the capacity to love, and, therefore, to give love with full effect is also to receive it. So, love can only be kept by being given away, and it can only be given perfectly when it is also received. (Thomas Merton)

What does love look like? It has hands to help others. It has feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like. (St. Augustine)

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the great and first commandment.

And the second is like unto it. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

(Matthew 22:37-40, KJV)

MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS MINUTES

FIRST DAY OF THE SIXTH MONTH, 2014

<u>Present were</u>: Elise A (Clerk), Phil C (Recording Clerk), Kim F, Martha O'H, Nan & Sky E, Phil F, Beth & Dave I, Will C, Bill K, Dot W, Wes J, Karen C, Barb T, Bob B, Jennifer D-M, Joanna T, and Patty R

We began with centering worship. Our Clerk presented a paraphrased query for this month, asking Friends: Do we treat Meeting as an extended family? Can we do this keeping our sense of humor and not taking ourselves too seriously?

1. Minutes of appreciation:

- a) On the Meeting website- "Annapolis Friends are very aware and appreciative of the quiet & good work that Kyle S & Ken M have put into development of our Meeting's webpage, as well as that by Wes J and Minette C-S maintaining the website & its calendars." (This minute was adopted, then revised by consensus.)
- b) For Mary K- "Annapolis Friends acknowledge with deep affection and gratitude many contributions which Mary K has made to our Meeting. Over the years, she has brought a strong Spirit-centered voice and rare sense of balance to many concerns. As clerk of Stewardship and Finance Committee and as Recording Clerk, her calm expertise enabled us to thrive and her vision moved us forward. We will miss Mary and James, asking God's blessings on them and their family in their new life in Kentucky."

- 2. <u>Ministry and Worship</u> (Martha O'H reports): On January 1, 2013, the law allowing same gender marriages in Maryland took effect. On June 1, 2014, Annapolis Friends approved this revision of our former document ("Guide for Marriages and Celebrations of Commitment Under Care of the Annapolis Monthly Meeting Religious Society of Friends") to reflect this legal change and to nurture each union equally as a marriage. After some group edits, Friends today approve the appended, revised 8-page document (changes on pp. 1, 2, 3 & 7); this will be employed for counseling couples who seek to marry under the care of the Meeting, as well as added to our Meeting's guidelines.
- 3. <u>Pastoral Care</u> (Jennifer D-M) recommends a name change of our "Fund for Suffering" to "Emergency Fund for Individuals" or EFI. The old name seems a bit confusing as to the intent and use of the fund, as the fund description specifies "grants for personal financial emergencies." One Friend regretted loss of traditional "suffering" term; another Friend noted some meetings have two separate funds with the second, "suffering" fund for those whose adversities result from their Quaker testimonies. This matter was referred back, jointly, to Pastoral Care and Stewardship & Finance for continued consideration.

Pastoral Care also reported that it soon will have available a handout on Clearness Committees: what they are, how to request one, guidelines for sessions, and how to be an effective committee member. This is in the final stages and, when completed, will be distributed on Announce List. Copies also will be available in the foyer.

- 4. A "Winter Relief" homeless assistance request from Arundel House of Hope and Calvary United Methodist invites member churches to contribute \$1,000 each towards a shower/laundry trailer for use by churches participating in winter relief in Anne Arundel County with an understanding that more such trailers may be called for in the future. Friends approved this \$1,000 donation from our Emergent Social Concerns Fund, if funds are available, with implementation referred to our Peace & Social Concerns Committee. Individual Friends also may make direct contributions to the project with contact information to be distributed through the announce list.
- 5. Ad Hoc Building / Future of AFM Committee (Kim F) provides this update: After a 4/29 meeting and many questions from Friends, a second 5/14 meeting examined these questions- a) Is Meeting ready to move forward on our current facility needs? b) Do we need more land to accomplish our long-term needs and goals? These questions were not resolved then & Friends agreed more visioning and listening sessions are needed. The Committee now proposes two more such meetings 6/22 and 29 at 9:15 a.m. before Meeting for Worship to focus respectively on the two questions, although other Friends' questions also may be examined. Friends approved this plan.

The Committee also suggests that both these issues be considered by Meeting concurrently, rather than sequentially. And, the Committee seeks to reopen Meeting's original priorities for the Meeting House established during the process of the current Meeting House construction.

The Committee informally has consulted with two architects, including our original architect, Evan Lippincott, as to possible costs and site usage. Lippincott will visit our 6/22 meeting. One or more estimates for costs will be obtained. At this point, no agreements for architects' fees have been made. (Funding for professional services has not yet been approved, whether from the building fund or other committee funds.)

Also, the Committee likely will recommend an appraisal of the neighboring property before concluding a recommendation as to its purchase or nonpurchase. A Friend who is an attorney, Jack Lahr, Esq., is working on various options to deal with the encroachment issue as the neighbor's existing garage is approximately 4.5 feet across one of our Meeting property's boundary lines. The County has advised it is possible, if the neighboring property were acquired, that there could be a lot line adjustment to, in effect, re-subdivide a combined lot. Kim also has consulted with the County about various other issues (Critical Areas, zoning, etc.) and later will report on this.

The Ad Hoc Committee will meet again this Wednesday & all Friends are invited to attend. Friends expressed appreciation to Kim, Bob & others on the committee for their work on these issues.

6. Announcement: Library Committee (Nan E): Our monthly queries are available inside the library

<u>Closing:</u> These minutes were read and approved during Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business. Meeting closed with silent worship.

Respectfully Submitted, Elise A, Clerk, and Phil C, Recording Clerk

GUIDE FOR MARRIAGES UNDER THE CARE OF ANNAPOLIS MONTHLY MEETING RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

Introduction

Annapolis Friends Meeting values and affirms all committed, loving relationships and offers recognition and support to those who share this ideal and desire to enter into a permanent relationship based upon a loving commitment.

The meeting is a spiritual community. We are led prayerfully to seek God's presence in our lives. We believe that, as we seek, so shall we find the discernment and strength to support loving, committed unions. We seek to recognize and support couples who share our commitment to the ideals that help loving relationships to succeed.

In October 2012 Annapolis Friends Meeting approved the following minute clarifying the difference between marriage under the care of the meeting and marriage in the manner of Friends.

The Annapolis Friends Meeting Marriage Guide states that, "Couples at least one of whom is a member or regular attender or a present or former associate (familial) member of the meeting may meeting meets with a clearness committee prior to the wedding and Annapolis Friends Meeting supports the couple throughout their marriage.

Couples who are not members or regular attenders, or members and attenders who so choose may be married "in the manner of Friends" at the Annapolis Friends Meeting House. The assumption is that the style of the wedding will be similar to that of Friends, including a period of unprogrammed worship and participation of the guests as witnesses to the marriage. A member or attender of Annapolis Friends Meeting must serve as the liaison to the couple being married in the manner of Friends.

On January 1, 2013, the law allowing same-gender marriages in the State of Maryland went into effect. On June 1, 2014, the Annapolis Friends Meeting approved this revision of our former document ("Guide for Marriages and Celebrations of Commitment Under the Care of the Annapolis Monthly Meeting Religious Society of Friends") to reflect this legal change and to nurture each union equally as a marriage.

SECTION I GUIDELINES FOR COUPLES SEEKING MARRIAGE UNDER THE CARE OF THE MEETING

Couples at least one of whom is a member or regular attender or a present or former associate (familial) member of the meeting may be married under the care of Annapolis Friends Meeting.

Questions to Be Considered by the Couple before Application to the Meeting for Marriage under its Care

The covenant of marriage is solemn in its obligation and fundamental in its social significance. Therefore, the couple considering marriage under the care of the meeting should discuss honestly and frankly with each other the duties and responsibilities assumed in marriage and in establishing a home. The following queries from Baltimore Yearly Meeting's 2013 Faith and Practice may be helpful:

Spiritual Grounding

- Have you sought divine guidance in your decision to marry?
- · Are you secure in the knowledge that God guides your lives and your plans to establish a

home?

- How do you expect your faith to inform your decision-making as a couple?
- Do you consider promises made "in the presence of God and these our Friends" binding?
- Are you willing to listen together for spiritual guidance when you face a problem without a clear answer?
- How will you make marriage a sacred and lifelong relationship?
- How will you uphold and strengthen the relationship with the passage of time?
- Do you understand and have respect for each other's religious convictions, whether or not you are in harmony with them?

Being Partners

- Are you aware that one can impose a role expectation on another unintentionally?
- Do you share interests which you can enjoy together? Do you respect each other's individual interests?
- Are your attitudes and expectations concerning sex compatible?
- How will you support each other through times of trial, unexpected life changes, or unfulfilled hopes and dreams?
- How will you balance the needs of your marriage with your friendships and responsibilities outside the home (for example, work, volunteer activities, and education)?
- Are you willing to postpone personal fulfillment if your partner is not ready for what that might entail?
- To become better acquainted with your partner, would it be better to wait longer before marriage?
- Do you have the willingness to listen to each other and to seek openness of communication?

Handling Conflict

- Have you considered together how you will work to reconcile inevitable differences?
- Are you willing to make a strong commitment to permanence in your marriage?
- Are you ready to make adjustments in your personal living to meet, with kindness and understanding, areas of possible conflict?
- Does either of you have emotional or other commitments to a third person which would interfere with this marriage?
- What is so important to you that problems in this area would lead you to consider ending the marriage?

Children

- Have you discussed whether you want to have children? How large a family do you envision?
- As a couple, have you considered Friends' testimonies on simplicity and concerns for the environment and world populations, as it applies to growing your family?
- Have you considered together adoption or foster care?
- What are your expectations about how you will raise, discipline, and educate your children?
- If either of you has children, have you considered the impact of this marriage on them?

Responsibilities

- Do you share each other's attitudes on earning, spending, saving, and the handling of finances?
- How are family responsibilities to be shared?
- How will you protect each other's legal rights? Have you considered the need to create legal and financial instruments that would provide security and stability to each partner, such as wills, medical (and other) powers of attorney, and whatever agreements about property or children seem appropriate? Be aware that laws regarding these matters vary from state to state and are changing. The counsel of an attorney could reveal some important details.

Relationship to the Meeting

- What do you anticipate your relationship with the Meeting to be in your life as a couple?
- Will you welcome the continuing concern of the Meeting?

- How could the Meeting support your marriage in the years to come?
- In times of difficulty will you consider asking your Marriage Committee or a clearness committee for assistance?
- How will your marriage reflect the Friends' testimonies of simplicity, peace, integrity, community, equality, and stewardship?

Family

- What are the views of your families regarding the marriage?
- How do you intend to keep close relations with family members who may live far away, especially in cases of illness or old age?

Additional Questions to Be Considered by a Couple who are marrying for a second time or later in age

Queries for older, widowed, or divorced Friends merit special attention. They bring a special set of issues to the relationship that first-time marriages do not have when two families are joined.

- Are you prepared for the increased likelihood that one of you will become a caregiver, possibly for a long time?
- What are the views of grown children?
- What special arrangements have been made in estate planning?
- Have wills been reviewed to allow for this new situation?
- How will you handle your two incomes?
- Have widowed or divorced persons allowed enough time for grieving and healing?

When the couple has seriously considered the above questions and others arising from them, they may agree to ask the monthly meeting to have oversight of their marriage. The following additional questions should be considered in planning that step:

- Why are we asking the approval and oversight of the meeting? Are we aware that oversight of our marriage by the meeting involves a continuing concern for our life together and the values established in our home? Will we welcome the continuing concern of the meeting?
- How significant to us are the promises made in the presence of God and of our family and friends as stated during the meeting for marriage?

Application to the Meeting

When a couple wishes to be married under care of the meeting, they should provide the Clerk of the Meeting with their signed written application at least four months prior to the requested date of the wedding. The Clerk will forward the application to the Clerk of Pastoral Care.

Appointment of the Clearness Committee for the Marriage

Pastoral Care Committee shall, in consultation with the couple, appoint a clearness committee for the marriage of four members or attenders, one of whom shall serve as clerk. At least two shall be members of the meeting.

Those appointed also accept personal responsibility for representing the Meeting's continuing concern for the marriage and, as far as possible, remaining in touch with the couple following the wedding. For this reason, it is customary to include on this committee Friends whose names are put forward by the couple or their families as suitable to this duty.

The clearness committee shall meet with the couple one or more times, at least three months prior to the proposed wedding, for the purpose of determining whether the couple and the committee are clear that the marriage should take place. Divorced persons will be asked to assure the clearness committee that the divorce papers have been properly filed.

The clearness committee should meet privately with the couple in a spirit of loving concern:

- a) To learn whether both are clear of any other commitment inconsistent with the intended marriage and to determine how seriously they have considered the questions previously mentioned.
- b) To give them detailed information concerning the procedures of a Quaker wedding. This should include:
- 1) discussion of the marriage certificate, its purpose, wording and procurement(see following information); and
- 2) discussion of the wording of the vows they will exchange, presenting the customary wording: "In the presence of God and these our Friends, I (first name) take thee (first name) to be my wife/husband/partner, promising with Divine assistance to be unto thee a loving and faithful wife/husband/partner as long as we both shall live."
- c) To discuss the specific date of the wedding, as this will be included in the report to meeting for business,
- d) To explain the functions of the special committee of oversight for the marriage with whom the couple will discuss arrangements of the wedding itself and any reception following.
- e) To obtain from the couple suggestions of names for the special committee of oversight for the marriage. There should be no fewer than four persons, of whom at least half should be members of the Meeting.
- f) To discuss the legal requirements of the local jurisdiction and to make sure that they are aware of the need to secure a marriage license and to meet any other legal requirements in a timely fashion.

If the clearness committee finds unity in recommending the couple's marriage under the care of the meeting, it so reports to Pastoral Care Committee, which takes the recommendation forward to business meeting for its approval.

Couples should not order wedding invitations or make other binding arrangements until their clearness committee has reported that its members are clear for the couple to marry and business meeting has given its approval.

Advices to Clearness Committee for the Marriage

In seeking clearness, you are being asked to take a clear-headed look at the maturity and commitment of the two people at this time. It is a time for asking hard questions and challenging the couple. Though most couples will be found fit for marriage, it is possible that the committee would recommend waiting, seeking counseling, or resolving specific issues before proceeding. In the-best of cases, the meetings for clearness should provide the couple with an opportunity for learning, growth, and acquiring tools for dealing with conflict and improving communication. Friends who serve on marriage clearness committees make a long-term commitment of friendship and support of the couple.

The Special Committee of Oversight for the Wedding

Upon approval by the meeting for business, a special committee of oversight for the wedding is appointed to arrange the meeting for worship during which the couple will marry. This committee of oversight sees that the wedding is carried out in a dignified and spiritual way, after the manner of Friends. The clerk of the clearness committee, in consultation with the couple, should request that Ministry and Worship Committee appoint a member to be on the special committee for oversight of the wedding.

The special committee of oversight of the wedding should meet with the couple to discuss the following:

- a) Who should sit at the head of meeting to open and close it.
- b) Whether there will be many non-Friends at the meeting and, if so, what initial explanation of the meeting for worship would be appropriate and who should give it.

- c) Who should read the certificate (This person need not be a member of the meeting or of this committee).
- d) The number of attendants and special seating arrangements, if desired, for families and friends of the couple.
- e) Review of the legal requirements, making sure that the couple will obtain marriage license pursuant to Maryland State Law, which provides for a unique type of license for Friends weddings.
- f) Engagement of the services of a calligrapher to draw up a Friends certificate of marriage. Confirmation of the wording of the vows that the couple will repeat and the wording of the certificate. It is advisable to use sturdy parchment and permanent ink. See "The Form of the Marriage Certificate," below, for the customary wording.

A couple wishing a certificate with different wording from the standard form contained in this guidance should make this known as early as possible to the clearness committee. If this committee feels the changes are substantive, the changes should be brought to the attention of the Pastoral Care Committee for approval.

Additionally the special committee of oversight for the wedding will:

- g) Remind the couple of the Quaker regard for reverence, dignity and simplicity; request that photographs not be taken during the meeting for worship, and express the meeting's hope that simplicity will also be observed at any reception held. They will remind the couple that use of alcohol in the meeting house is not permitted and that any meeting held at the meeting house is open to anyone who wishes to attend,
- h) Plan a rehearsal with the entire wedding company present if possible,
- i) Request the use of the meeting house (if the wedding is to be there) through the Building Use Subcommittee for the times selected for the rehearsal and the wedding. There will be no fee for use of the building,
- j) Ensure that weights for the certificate, pens with permanent ink, and a portable table are available and that someone is appointed to assist those present to sign the certificate after the wedding.
- k) Check the suitability of proposed decorations, music, or any arrangements desired by the couple that affect the basically unprogrammed nature of a Friends' meeting for worship.
- 1) Verify that the person selected to read the certificate has had an opportunity to see it and read it in advance.
- m) Attend the rehearsal.

After the wedding the special committee of oversight for the wedding will:

- n) Obtain the needed signatures to the marriage license.
- o) Deliver or mail the license to the proper authorities. Give a copy to the Meeting's Recorder.
- p) Give the certificate to the Meeting Recorder who will arrange for a photocopy for the Meeting's records.
- q) Transmit the original certificate to the couple.
- r) Report to the monthly meeting concerning the accomplishment of the marriage in good order, the legal requirements satisfied and the certificate properly recorded. If any name changes have been effected, these name changes are reported to enter in the minutes of the monthly meeting and meeting records.

The Form of the Marriage Certificate

| The form of the certificate should be substantially as follows: |
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| WHEREAS, A.B., of, child or son/daughter of F,B, and M.B, of, and D.E. of, |
| <u>child or son/daughter</u> of F.E. and M.E. of, having declared their intentions of marriage with |
| each other before Annapolis Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, held at |
| according to the good order used among them, their proposed marriage was allowed by that meeting |
| Now these are to certify to whom it may concern, that, for the accomplishment of their intentions, this |
| day of month, in the year, they, the said A.B. and D.E., appeared in a public meeting of |
| the Religious Society of Friends, held at; and A.B., taking D.E, by the hand, did on this solemn |
| occasion, declare that he/she took him/her, D.E., to be his/her husband/wife/partner , promising with |
| divine assistance to be unto a loving and faithful husband/wife/partner as long as they both should |
| live; and then, in the same assembly, D.E. did in like manner declare that he/she took A,B, to be |
| his/her husband/wife/partner, promising with divine assistance to be unto him/her a loving and |
| faithful husband/wife/partner as long as they both should live. And moreover, they, the said A.B, and |
| D.E, [he/she assuming the name (change of name)]* did, as a further confirmation |
| thereof, then and there, to these present set their hands, |
| A.B. D.B. |
| We, whose names are also hereunto subscribed, being present at the said marriage have, as |
| witnesses thereto, set our hands the day and year above written. |
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| When the marriage is accomplished at a private house, instead of the words "in a public meeting,,," |
| write, "at a meeting held in the home of in the of;" |
| *Include any name changes that have been agreed upon in this portion. |

Customary Sequence of Events at a Quaker Wedding

Although a meeting for marriage is a meeting for worship and when held at the meeting house is public, there are elements of "program" to such a meeting. The usual sequence of events on such occasions (subject to change by consent of the couple and the special committee of oversight for the wedding) is as follows:

- a) If music is desired, it may be played or sung during the period when Friends are gathering,
- b) At the hour appointed for the start of the meeting, the special committee of oversight for the wedding and the wedding company enter and take their seats.
- c) After a few moments of settling, the appointed person rises and briefly explains, for the benefit of non-Friends, the purpose of the meeting, its nature as a Quaker meeting for worship, and the events to follow. We suggest using the words below to prepare the attendees that AFM acknowledges the unions of same-gender and opposite-gender couples as true marriages when entered into in good faith and with the intention of life-long partnership. This is also a good time to mention that all present are requested to sign the certificate as witnesses.
- "Annapolis Friends Meeting values and affirms all committed, loving relationships and offers recognition and support to those who share this ideal and desire to enter into a permanent relationship based upon a loving commitment.

The meeting is a spiritual community. We are led prayerfully to seek God's presence in our lives. We believe that, as we seek, so shall we find the discernment and strength to support loving, committed unions. We seek to recognize and support couples who share our commitment to the ideals that help all loving relationships to succeed.

Since we are all ministers of and witnesses to this union, we each sign the wedding certificate at the close of the meeting."

- d) The meeting then settles into silent worship. After an appropriate interval, the couple rise, face each other and join hands. In sequence, each recites to the other the vows.
- e) If there are rings, the couple exchanges these after their vows. A kiss if often exchanged at this point
- f) The couple resumes their seats; the table with the certificate is placed before them; and the couple signs the certificate.
- g) The table is moved and the certificate given to the person appointed to read it. It is read aloud in its entirety, down to and including the signatures just appended, and returned to the table.
- h) The meeting settles again into worship, during which those moved to speak may do so, until the meeting is closed by the person designated.
- i) The wedding company withdraws, after which all wedding guests sign the certificate under the supervision of a designated person, reserving spaces, if desired, for the subsequent signature of the wedding party, clearness committee and family.

HOW TO SUBMIT NEWSLETTER ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please submit items for the calendar and brief descriptions of events by the 20th of the month.
- o Beth M is the editor of the Annapolis Friends Newsletter. Please send any items for inclusion in the newsletter to annapolisfriendsmeeting@gmail.com.
- Friends also are asked to watch your email for announcements of meetings and to listen for announcements at the rise of meeting.
- Event and activity organizers, please also post your announcements on the bulletin board for those who do not use electronic mail!
- Announce List: announce@annapolis.quaker.org; Discuss List: discuss@annapolis.quaker.org

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