

# KA MAKAMAKA

## The Friend



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### Advices & Queries: Simplicity

*"Life is meant to be lived from a center..A life of unhurried peace and power. It is simple. It is serene. It takes no time, but it occupies all our time." Thomas R. Kelly, Testament of Devotion, 1941*

A life centered in God will be directed toward keeping communication with God open and unencumbered. Simplicity is best achieved through a right ordering of priorities, maintaining humility of spirit, avoiding self-indulgence, resisting the accumulation of unnecessary possessions, and avoiding over-busy lives. Elise Boulding writes in *My Part in the Quaker Adventure*, "Simplicity, beauty and happiness go together if they are a byproduct of a concern for something more important than ourselves."

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#### **Weekend Silent Prayer Retreat April 16, 17, 18, 2010**

The weekend planned is a residential retreat designed to foster a deepened experience of Spirit. Meditation facilitates relaxation of the mind, clarity of purpose, and rejuvenation in worship. The program begins at 6 pm, Friday, April 16th and ends at 8 am, Sunday April 18th. Experienced meditators and those experienced in silent Quaker worship are welcome. Sleeping arrangements are limited so please register early. A \$40 donation is requested. For further information and registration contact Alice Talbott: 808-239-9133.

*\*Do I center my life in an awareness of God's presence so that all things take their rightful place?*

*\*Do I live simply, and promote the right sharing of the world's bounty?*

*\*Do I keep my life uncluttered with things and activities, avoiding commitments beyond my strength and light?*

*\*How do I maintain simplicity, moderation and honesty in my speech, my manner of living and my daily work?*

*\*Do I recognize when I have enough?*

*\*Is the life of our Meeting so ordered that it helps us to simplify our lives?*

## Monthly Meeting for Business

February 14, 2010

### Minute 1: Opening

Meeting for Second Month opened with silent worship at 11:57 a.m. The Recording Clerk read the Pacific Yearly Meeting Advices and Queries on Reaching Out. A Friend commented on the outreach we made in the Martin Luther King parade. Another spoke of ministering and outreach in the course of one's job.

### Minute 2: Clerk's Report

Clerk John Whalen presented the draft State of the Meeting Report, and asked for comments. Several asked for small changes. The Report will be posted on the bulletin board, and will lie over for a month, with further comments invited.

The Clerk also reminded us that it is important to speak loudly and clearly in Meeting for Worship.

### Minute 3: Treasurer's Report

Byron Bender, Treasurer, reported on the monthly income and expenses for the tenth month of the fiscal year, January, 2010:

Income for the month of January:	\$4,299.
Expenses	1,750.
Difference: (income more than expenses)	2,549.

Income for the fiscal year to date:	\$42,813.
Expenses	37,645.
Difference (Income more than expenses)	5,168.

At the end of January, the amount in the general fund was \$17,301, in the Sharing Fund \$2,981, in the Education Loan Fund \$11,120, in the Peace and Social Action Fund \$6,142, and in the Library Fund \$1,150.

The report with fuller information will be posted on the bulletin board.

### Minute 4: Finance Committee

Byron Bender, on behalf of the Finance Committee Clerk, reported on the policy Finance Committee recommends for handling bequests. It was proposed that this be added to the Handbook:

*When the meeting receives a bequest of \$5000 or more, without a specific condition on the use of the bequest, the Finance Committee puts the money in the General Invested Reserve. In the case of bequests of more than \$1000 and less than \$5000, the Finance Committee decides whether to put the money in the General Invested Reserve or to treat the money as current income to the General Fund.*

*In the case of amounts of \$1000 or less, the money is treated as income to the General Fund.*

*The same principles apply to the aggregate memorial gifts made in memory of a deceased person at the time of the person's death.*

*In all cases, the Finance Committee reports the bequest or memorial gifts to Meeting, respecting anonymity of donors, if requested.*

The Meeting approved the policy.

Byron also presented the proposed budget for Fiscal year 2010-2011. This will be posted on the bulletin board and will lie over one month. Comments should go to Robert Bley-Vroman, Clerk of the Committee, or other members of the Committee.

In response to a question about contributions to Quaker organizations, it was pointed out that these are the basic contributions from the Meeting itself. Additional contributions may be proposed by Peace and Social Concerns to come from the Peace and Social Action Fund.

### Minute 5: Worship and Ministry

Alice Talbott, Clerk, read the Memorial Minute for William Vitarelli. Meeting approved the suggestion that an additional statement taken from Honolulu papers on his principled stands, pursued all the way to the Supreme Court, be added before the minute is sent to Pacific Yearly Meeting, *Friends Journal*, and *Western Friend*.

The minute was approved with the changes.

### Minute 6: Nominating Committee

Judy Hall, Clerk of Nominating Committee, thanked everyone who served the Meeting this past year and wished Kung Hee Fat Choy - a Happy New Year - to those who have agreed to serve in the future. She presented the proposed slate of nominations for 2010-2011, including a new officer position, that of

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Second Assistant Treasurer, for signature purposes in case both Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer are out of town. Members were invited to contact anyone on the committee with questions or concerns. The report will be posted on the bulletin board, and will lie over one month.

It was suggested, and agreed by the Meeting Clerk, that there be a specific bulletin board for the official business announcements of the meeting, at the moment to include the draft State of the Meeting Report, the Nominating Committee proposed slate, and the draft budget. An announcement will be highlighted in Ka Makamaka that these are available on the bulletin board, and it will suggest that all members should consult these in preparation for the next monthly meeting.

#### **Minute 7: Archivist**

Bob Stauffer, Archivist, requested comments on the proposed policies on records retention and archival guidelines he had handed out last month. After discussion on the technical details of such a policy, the Archivist will revise the policy and bring it back for further discussion and approval next month.

#### **Minute 8: House and Grounds**

Anne Fong, Clerk, reported that, while there were a few more people at work day yesterday, we need to be reminded that we are all stewards of our house and grounds. The committee proposed that each person attend work day a minimum of once per quarter.

Second, the committee continues to address the question of accessibility of the Meeting House, in order both to meet legal requirements and especially to address the needs of our members and attenders. It has considered a chair lift, or a platform lift, but has concluded that rebuilding our ramp is the best alternative.

#### **Minute 9: Peace and Social Concerns**

Edgar Lyle, Clerk, reported that the committee will hold a simple meal to benefit Haiti on visiting Sunday, March 28.

The issue of the gambling bills before the Hawaii Legislature was mentioned. The Meeting

agreed to ask the Clerk of Meeting to send a letter to legislators, based on our consistently minuted opposition to gambling, and our affiliation with the Hawaii Coalition against Legalized Gambling.

The committee is in the process of developing its recommendations for contributions from the Peace and Social Action Fund, and asked again that members contact the committee with information about any organizations to which they think the Meeting should contribute.

The committee recommends immediate expenditure of \$1000 for Haiti relief and rebuilding. Meeting approved giving an initial donation of \$1000 immediately to Doctors without Borders, in view of the urgent need for their work with infectious disease in the camps.

#### **Minute 10: Closing**

The Meeting closed at 2:40 p.m., with silent worship, with 29 Friends having been present.

Submitted by Carolyn Stephenson, Recording Clerk,  
John Whalen, Clerk

### **Directory Changes**

**Page 6 Change:** Chang, Anthony  
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**Page 12 Change:** Wilson, Susan and NEILL  
address: 85-175 Farrington Hwy. Apt.C225  
Waianae, HI 96792

#### **Nancy and Joseph Gill wrote:**

"Africa teaches one tolerance, patience, to take joy in small things. Returns you to your source. Raw and basic. Dinner without the trimmings."

[www.worldglobetrotters.com](http://www.worldglobetrotters.com) Thanks for following us on our trip and for sharing our webpage.

***Please look over the draft documents posted on the bulletin board:***

- 1) State of the Meeting Report, 1st draft***
- 2) Nominations 2010-2011***
- 3) Proposed FY 2010-2011 Budget***
- 4) Proposed records retention and archival policy***

***These will be discussed at next Meeting for Worship on the occasion of Business.***

***Bible Study Group still meets on the third Thursday of each month, 3:30-5:30 pm at Marjorie Cox' home, 1929 Kakela Drive. All are welcome. In March we will be discussing Daniel Chapters 1-6***

### ***First Day School***

First Day School has started a new program of presenting a topic each month, culminating with a field trip on the last Sunday. The topic for each month will be noted in Ka Makamaka in the First Day School box on page 5. In February we studied whales; Biblical references, identification of whales, Greenpeace and other efforts at saving endangered whales, and a field trip to the Diamond Head spot where whales are counted each February. In March we will study Civics (see box on p.5), and in April, our Christian connections (including, of course, Easter on first Sunday). Keep tuned in!

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**Earthcare Tip: Hagadone Printing Co., 274 Pu'uhale Rd, Honolulu (847-5310) will accept your glossy magazines for recycling.**

### **HOUSE & GROUNDS**

A good crew of seven, plus John Kroeker, gathered on Work Day, 2/13, and again moved the alahe'e, mulched it, the lime and the bananas, cut back some of the mauka and the mock orange hedges, washed the First Day School furniture, cleaned out and repapered one kitchen cupboard, dealt with the grass encroaching our sidewalks, mowed and edged the lawn, and trimmed ginger and ficus. It all looked pretty nice! We hope to continue preparing for our new residents' April arrival, so come and help us next month, Saturday 3/13, starting at 9 am and including a free lunch. -Anne Fong

### ***Rise Up! Roots of Liberation - Youth for Justice and Peace***

A unique Spring Break opportunity for youth  
 WHAT: Youth Camp for Justice and Peace  
 WHEN: March 15-19, 2010  
 WHERE: Camp Kokokahi, Kane'ohe  
 WHO: Youth ages 15-19 with a passion for peace, justice, and aloha 'aina  
 SPONSORED BY AFSC HAWAII  
 click <<http://www.dmzhawaii.org/>> for details

### **Cooperative Living?**

Seeking like-minded folks for a small-scale cooperative household. In or near Manoa would be great! Quakers make the best roommates! Some shared meals, shared household chores, but time and space for privacy too.

If you have a home to share, or would like to help search for one, call or email Ramona at 699-6167 or <[ramona@lava.net](mailto:ramona@lava.net)>

## MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP IN THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS IN MARCH

**Honolulu** Monthly Meeting: Sundays:  
Hymn singing at 9:45 am. Meeting for  
Worship at 10:00 am at the Meeting-  
house, 2426 Oahu Avenue, Honolulu  
(808) 988-2714.

**Windward Oahu** Worship Group:  
First Sunday of the month: Meeting  
for Worship at 10:00 am. For loca-  
tion/information, call 235-6500  
(Polly Pool).

**Big Island** Monthly Meeting: Sun-  
days: 10:00 am worship and potluck.  
For location and other details call  
Darby Thompson (808) 322-3116.  
Postal address: P.O. Box 1714, Ka-  
muela, HI 96743.

**Kauai** Friends Worship Group: 1st,  
3rd and 5th Sundays, 10:00-11:00 am:  
Contact G.G. Shanley (808) 821-2110  
for information.

**Maui** Friends Worship Group: Meets  
every Sunday at 10:30 am. Call Jay  
Penniman (808) 573-4987 for infor-  
mation. For information on Meeting  
for Healing, call Colleen Wallace  
(808) 242-6461.

**Molokai** Worship Group: Call Claud  
Sutcliffe (808) 553-3380 for details.



### First Day School Teachers March Lesson--CIVICS

**March 7 Renie Lindley**  
Quaker involvement

**March 14 Kitty O'Reilly**  
Environmental activism

**March 21 Anthony Chang**  
Campaign process

**March 28 Field Trip to**  
City Hall



## Book Discussion March 21, from 2-4 pm

Several people at Meeting have read *The Shack* and have expressed an interest in having a discussion group about it. Some find it "too Christological" for their tastes; others find it transforms their ideas about God. All opinions welcome! Papa would approve! (Read the book and find out who Papa is). The discussion will be at the Meetinghouse. We're giving you lots of notice, so you can buy or borrow a copy in time to be prepared to join in the discussion!

### *The Shack*, by William P. Young - Description:

Mackenzie Allen Phillips' youngest daughter, Missy, has been abducted during a family vacation, and evidence that she may have been brutally murdered is found in an abandoned shack deep in the Oregon wilderness. Four years later in the midst of his Great Sadness, Mack receives a suspicious note, apparently from God, inviting him back to that shack for a weekend. Against his better judgment, he arrives at the shack on a wintry afternoon and walks back into his darkest nightmare. What he finds there will change Mack's world forever.

This is a bestseller--available from booksellers everywhere. Hunt around on Amazon.com, and as of the end of February, you can still get the edition in paperback, for \$10 plus shipping. For more information on the book, the story behind the book (which is as good as the book is), and the controversies about it, go to <[www.TheShackBook.com](http://www.TheShackBook.com)> and <[www.windrumors.com](http://www.windrumors.com)>

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## News from Sierra Friends Center

We recently welcomed 11 students to our spring 2010 semester. If you'd like to keep abreast of Woolman Semester activities, please sign up for our monthly electronic newsletter on the home page of our website, <[www.woolman.org](http://www.woolman.org)>, or our blog, <<http://sierrafriends.wordpress.com/>>.

Even as we have just begun our spring semester, we are already preparing for summer activities. The camp staff is accepting applications for camp counselors and we are considering projects for Family Work Camp, which will be from June 13-20 and led by Jim Anderson and Bob Runyan. We are also adding a new program this summer, a Woolman Sustainability Intensive. Dorothy Henderson felt led, in part, by requests to have a Woolman semester for adults. This weeklong intensive will be aligned with our work for peace, justice and sustainability and will integrate the learning and practice of Nonviolent Communication and concepts of Permaculture and Sustainability. The first session will be held from June 20-25. Contact Dorothy for details at <[dorothyh@woolman.org](mailto:dorothyh@woolman.org)> or 530-273-3183.

Of course summer wouldn't be the same without Sierra Friends Camp for 9 to 14 year olds. We'll once again offer 3 sessions beginning July 5th and run through August 1st. Information and applications are available at <<http://www.sierrafriendscamp.org/>>

# MARCH 2010

SUNDAY		MONDAY	TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY		FRIDAY	SATURDAY				
	For a complete listing of Meetings for Worship each Sunday see page 5	1		2	2:00 pm Meeting for Healing	3		4	5:30 pm Worship & Ministry Oversight & Counsel	5		6	2-5 pm Friendly Hands
7	10:00 am <u>Windward</u> Worship Group Kroekers return	8		9	2:00 pm Meeting for Healing Rosemary leaves	10		11	7:00 pm CHOICES	12		13	9-12 noon Workday 12-1 pm House & Grounds Comm.
14	at rise of mtg Meeting for Worship on the occasion of Business	15		16	2:00 pm Meeting for Healing	17		18	3:30 pm Bible Study at the home of Marjorie Cox	19		20	2-4 pm Library Comm.
21	9-10 am First Day School at rise of mtg W&M discussion "Grounded in God" 2-4 pm Book Discussion "The Shack"	22	6 pm AFSC Area Committee	23	2:00 pm Meeting for Healing	24	1:30-3:00 pm Elders Options	25		26		27	
28	9-10 am Earthcare Task Force 10 am FDS Field Trip at rise of mtg. Sunday Lunch "Simple Meal" Peace & Social Concerns Comm.	29		30	2:00 pm Meeting for Healing	31							