

Adelphi Friends Newsletter

Eighth Month, 2007

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE: Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Early Meeting for Worship (except 3rd Sunday) 9:45 a.m. Singing 10:00 a.m. Meeting for Worship Wednesday: 7:30 p.m. Meeting for Worship	MONTHLY SCHEDULE: Second Sunday (Third Sunday in May, July and August): Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business Third Sunday: Singing begins at 9:00 a.m. Fourth Sunday: Junior Meeting at 10:00 a.m. Fourth Sunday: Potluck at rise of Meeting
Takoma Park Friends Meeting (Preparative) under the care of Adelphi Meeting. Every Sunday: Meeting for Worship 10:30 a.m. at Sangha, 7014 Westmoreland Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912.	

YOUR INPUT IS INVITED

The Peace and Social Concerns Committee of the Adelphi Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) is preparing for the 2008 outreach budget allocations. We are seeking to support the work of Adelphi Meeting's members and attenders who go out into the world to build peace and address pressing social concerns. At this time, we would like to invite all members and attenders to submit request for support. For more information, please see the letter posted on the Peace and Social Concerns Bulletin Board in the stairwell of the Meeting House.

Please postmark your letter of interest and the supporting materials by Ninth Month, Fifteen Day, 2007, and mail them to: Matty Lau and Stephen Schwenke, Adelphi Monthly Meeting, Peace and Social Concerns Committee, 2303 Metzert Road, Adelphi, MD 20783.

AUGUST QUAKER POTLUCK AND DIALOGUE AT WILLIAM PENN HOUSE

You are invited to a potluck and Quaker dialogue at William Penn House on First Day, Eighth Month, Fifth Day, at 6:30 p.m. The program, "Pitjantjatjara Aboriginal Lands of Australia," will be presented by Linda and Patricia Newkirk.

Patricia and her sister, Linda, will share their reflections, insights and photos gained from a March 2007 ten-day trip into the Pitjantjatjara Aboriginal lands in the central part of Australia. They might also show a few of their photos from their 1,000 Kilometer bicycle trip from Adelaide to Melbourne.

Patricia is the Associate Director of the William Penn House. Patricia is a member of the Friends Meeting of San Antonio and attends Friends Meeting of Washington. Linda is a small business owner on sabbatical studying geographic information systems.

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fellowship among Quakers and attenders. Bring a dish to share; family members and friends are always welcome. Note: William Penn House is an alcohol and tobacco free facility.

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SEPTEMBER QUAKER POTLUCK AND DIALOGUE AT WILLIAM PENN HOUSE

Not wanting to conflict with Labor Day, this potluck will be held on the second First Day (Ninth Day) of Ninth Month at 6:30 p.m. (Note that the date is not the *first* First Day.)

Eric Goldman of Alexandria Friends Meeting will be presenting, "Friends Peace Teams, Service in Bududa, Uganda."

Earlier this year, under the auspices of the Friends Peace Teams, Eric spent three months as a volunteer providing technical assistance and training in the development of a vocational school. He will talk about his experience in the small village in which he lived and worked, as well as address the on-going war in Northern Uganda.

Eric was born and raised in South Africa. He has had a lengthy career in civic education, and also was principal of Thornton Friends School in Virginia. Eric attends Alexandria Friends Meeting.

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What Part of No Don't You Understand?

On this day in 1535, Sir Thomas More was executed for treason, as a result of his refusal to recognize King Henry VIII as the head of the Church. More was named a Saint by the Catholic Church in 1935, and in the year 2000, he was declared the patron saint of politicians.

--*Writer's Almanac*, July 6, 2007

Sir Thomas More was a man of morality
and simply said "no." It cost him his life.

I said "no" to killing for my country and
it cost me two years in Tanzania
doing alternative service as a CO.

It was also an opportunity that has
changed our lives. But it still cost,
but not what it cost Sir Thomas.

The patron saint of politicians
must touch George Bush
and all who supported his
unilateral invasion of Iraq
and teach them the value
of "no."

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Archbishop Romero said,
“Before an order to kill that a man may give,
the law of God must prevail that says
Thou shalt not kill. No soldier is obliged
to obey an order against the law of God.”

I would ask all the young men and women
who accept the order to kill given by man,
no matter the glorious patriotic reason,
to consider the words of the patron saint
of politicians and those of good Archbishop
Romero as they as you that simple question,
“What part of no don’t you understand?”

If all the young militants, whether Christian or Moslem
had the courage to say “no” we would not be embroiled
in a no-win conflict in Iraq. Peace takes more courage
than War.

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Submitting material to the newsletter: Ann Marlowe, the Newsletter Editor, welcomes any material of interest to the Adelphi Friends Meeting community. The best way to submit material is by e-mail to afm-newsletter@earthlink.net. Either attach a Word file to the e-mail or type the information directly into the e-mail. You may also submit clean, typed copy and photographs to the newsletter box in the meetinghouse. No handwritten material please. Deadline for submissions is noon of the last Sunday of each month.

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