

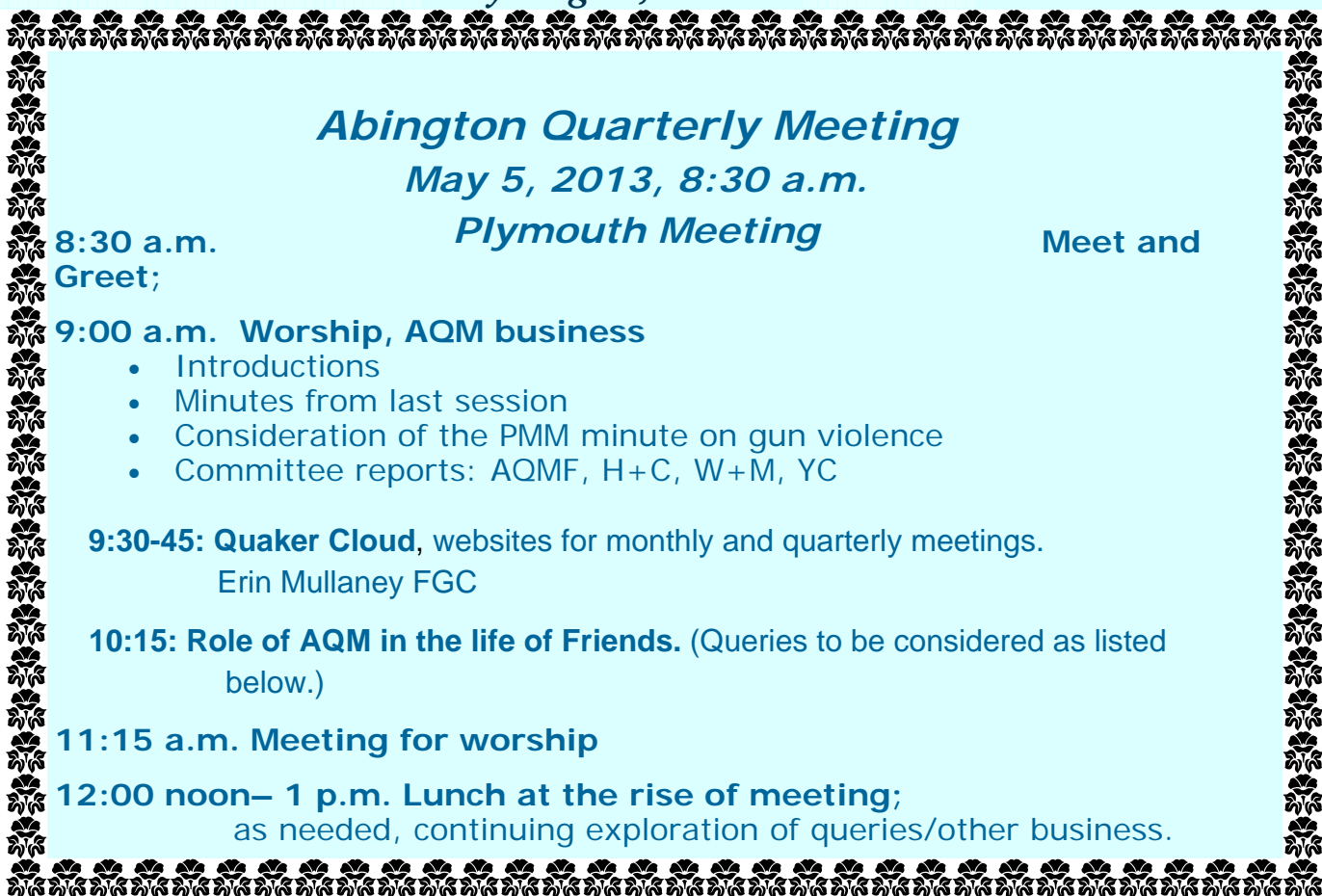


AQ NEWSLETTER

Religious Society of Friends

May-August, 2013

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Abington Quarterly Meeting

May 5, 2013, 8:30 a.m.

Plymouth Meeting

Meet and

8:30 a.m.
Greet;

9:00 a.m. **Worship, AQM business**

- Introductions
- Minutes from last session
- Consideration of the PMM minute on gun violence
- Committee reports: AQMF, H+C, W+M, YC

9:30-45: **Quaker Cloud**, websites for monthly and quarterly meetings.
Erin Mullaney FGC

10:15: **Role of AQM in the life of Friends.** (Queries to be considered as listed below.)

11:15 a.m. **Meeting for worship**

12:00 noon– 1 p.m. **Lunch at the rise of meeting;**
as needed, continuing exploration of queries/other business.

Queries for consideration at Quarterly Meeting

- ◆ How does Abington Quarterly Meeting support me as a Friend: spiritually, communally, and in terms of resources?
- ◆ How do I support Abington Quarterly Meeting spiritually, communally, and in terms of resources?
- ◆ What is the right place for Abington Quarterly Meeting in the life of my monthly meeting? The yearly meeting?
- ◆ How well is Abington Quarterly Meeting fulfilling its function?

JFC – Continuing the Celebration

Junior Friends Conference (JFC) completes its 35th year. Ten years ago, Middle School Friends Conference was established, and joins the younger Friends at the George School from June 23-28, 2013. This year, we welcome participants from Bucks Quarter.

During the 35 years, many participants remain engaged with Friends — and, of course, with JFC.

Save the Date! Abington Quarter Picnic!

Saturday, August 3, 2013 at Fellowship Farm

Abington Quarter Calendar Events-Addresses

Abington MM: 520 Meetinghouse Road, Jenkintown, PA 19046.

Gwynedd MM: 1101 DeKalb Pike, Gwynedd, PA 19454.

Plymouth MM: E Germantown and Butler Pikes, Plymouth Meeting PA

Richland MM: S. Main St. & Mill Road (just off Rt. 309), Quakertown, PA 18951

— Weekly events in Abington Quarter —

Sundays:

Gwynedd MM: **Lectio Divina/Divine Reading 9-9:30 a.m.** Reflection, prayer, & sharing on scripture passages read aloud. *Judy Flanigan*, jhflanigan@hotmail.com

Tuesdays:

Gwynedd MM: **Meditation Group 7:30-8:30 p.m.** Sharing 8:30-9 p.m. Guidance for interested beginners offered. *Contact: Ranvir Bakshi* rkbakshi@comcast.net

Wednesdays:

Abington MM: **Mid-week worship 7:00 p.m.** Short Stable. *Contact: Mara Wai* mara.wai@gmail.com, *Joanne Maule-Schmidt* jzmaulesc@aol.com (every other week)

Plymouth MM: **Mid-week worship 7:00 p.m.** *Contact: Dave Miller* d.j.miller@verizon.net or *Christine Greenland* 215-322-4105 christine.greenland@gmail.com

Richland MM: **"Light Group" 7:00 p.m.** Explore a type of meditation used by early Quakers to "find the Truth in the Light", centering. *Contact: Susan Abbott*, naisma@aol.com, 610-346-1937 OR *Jack Schick*, sjckschc@aol.com. Please be prompt!

Fridays:

Gwynedd MM: **Yoga 7:00 p.m. Gentle Hatha yoga.** Bring yoga mat or towel, and comfortable clothing. Contact Rich Himmer rich.himmer@verizon.net. Fee \$20/7 weeks.

— Abington Quarter Calendar —

May 4

Gwynedd MM: Wales Exchange Spaghetti Dinner. 6-8 p.m. Seating as you arrive. Community Room. Each year, the Wales Exchange high school group sponsors a fund-raiser for travel to/from Wales; visits with teens in Wales and UK (Gwynedd Meeting near Bangor).

May 8, 22, 29; Jun 12, 26; Jul 10, 24, 31

Richland MM: Food for Friends, 6:00 PM. Monthly on the 2nd, 4th, 5th Wednesday. Free dinners for those in need. *Information Andre Salz* 215-536-0395 or *Donna Berger* deeleee44@verizon.net.

May 11

Gwynedd MM: Coffeehouse 7 p.m. — Kim and Reggie Harris, musicians and storytellers who combine a strong folk and gospel legacy.

May 18

Richland MM: Quakertown "Spring Alive" Street Fest.

May 18

Gwynedd MM: Labyrinth Walk. 9 a.m.-noon. Meet at Germantown and Northwestern Ave., Chestnut Hill College; Contact Rich Himmer richhimmer@verizon.net. Brown bag lunch.

— Abington Quarter Calendar (continued) —

May 18

Abington Meeting: Meeting retreat — 10 a.m.-2 p.m.: all are welcome. Contact Wanda Wyffels (267) 918-3671 or RSVP to Joanne Maule-Schmidt (215) 884-6732
jgmauleesc@aol.com

Jun 11

Richland MM: Woolman Walk — Mt Holly to Wyalusing; contact Susan Miller Abbott,
nasisma@aol.com

Coming Events beyond Abington Quarter

May 1

Friends Central School. Gathering for School Religious Life committees. 6-8 p.m.
Dinner provided. Focus queries: Where does your Faith and Practice lift up your education?
Where are your growing edges?

May 6

Pendle Hill. 7:30 p.m. Where are Friends One Year after the World Conference. An evening with Nancy Irving, former executive secretary of the world office of Friends World Committee for Consultation. Monday evening lecture.

May 10-12

Pendle Hill. The Nonviolent Atonement. Michael Hardin. <http://www.pendlehill.org/workshops/spring-2013/>

May 17-19

Pendle Hill. Return to Communitas: the Love-Awakened Community. Ken and Katharine Jacobsen. <http://www.pendlehill.org/workshops/spring-2013/>

May 18

Friends Center, 9 a.m. Let's turn down the heat. Video presentation by Bill McKibben. \$10.
JDavid@pym.org

May 18-19

Camp Dark Waters, Medford NJ. Spring family overnight Family overnight is a one night sleepover for the families with kids K-5th grade

May 24-26

Haddonfield Meeting, Haddonfield, NJ; Young Adult Friends Spring Retreat. Of Earth, of Spirit: Quaker Stewardship and Ecojustice. \$35. youngadultfriends@pym.org

May 31-Jun 2

Pendle Hill. Come away and Rest a While. John Calvi. <http://www.pendlehill.org/workshops/summer-2013/>

Jun 8-23

Woolman Walk. Mt. Holly to Wyalusing, sponsored by Towanda MM. Contact Paul Loomis, walk co-ordinator, loomispa@gmail.com. For more information, see www.WoolmanWyalusing2013.org. (Visit to Richland Meeting Planned — see above).

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— *Coming Events BEYOND Abington Quarter*— (continued)

Jun 8-13

Pendle Hill. Writing the Children's Book You hold in your Heart. Becky Birtha, author of *Grandma's Beans*. <http://www.pendlehill.org/workshops/summer-2013/>

Jun 21-23

Pendle Hill. Life in the Seed. Doug Gwyn explores Isaac Penington, the eloquent spiritual writer of the first Quaker generation. <http://www.pendlehill.org/workshops/summer-2013/>

Jun 30-Jul 6

FGC Gathering- 2013. Theme : At the Growing Edges of our Faith University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, Colorado. <http://www.fgcquaker.org/connect/gathering> for details and information.

Jul 7-11

Pendle Hill. Writing Your Spiritual Autobiography Dan Wakefield. <http://www.pendlehill.org/workshops/summer-2013/>

Jul 14-18

Pendle Hill. Thirty Paths to Healing Mind, Body and Spirit. Max Muenke and Stephen Potthoff <http://www.pendlehill.org/workshops/summer-2013/>

Jul 14-18

Pendle Hill. Befriending Earth: An Invitation to Earth Literacy. Brad Stocker. <http://www.pendlehill.org/workshops/summer-2013/>

Jul 19-21

Pendle Hill. Inquirers' Weekend: An Introduction to Basic Quakerism. Clinton Pettus and Faith Kelley. <http://www.pendlehill.org/workshops/summer-2013/>

Jul 21-25

Pendle Hill. The Sacred Art of Spiritual Discernment. Nancy Bieber. <http://www.pendlehill.org/workshops/summer-2013/>

Jul 24-28

Philadelphia YM Sessions: Muhlenberg College Gathering our past, our presence and our future. sessions@pym.org. (registration on-line at www.pym.org/sessions)

Newsletter: assistance needed...

The AQ Newsletter is basically on-schedule. However, we need people from various meetings to send in events at your meeting to Christine Greenland 215-322-4105; christine.greenland@gmail.com. I would like one or two younger Friends to assist as editors.

AQ Website wants to hear from your Monthly Meeting!

In the interim help keep the AQ Website up to date for your benefit. *Contact: Dan Turner, Abington Quarter Webmaster, 215-490-2595, aqwebguru@gmail.com.*

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Do you respect that of God in everyone though it may be expressed in unfamiliar ways or be difficult to discern? Each of us has a particular experience of God and each must find the way to be true to it. When words are strange or disturbing to you, try to sense where they come from and what has nourished the lives of others. Listen patiently and seek the truth which other people's opinions may contain for you. Avoid hurtful criticism and provocative language. Do not allow the strength of your convictions to betray you into making statements or allegations that are unfair or untrue. Think it possible that you may be mistaken.

How can we make the meeting a community in which each person is accepted and nurtured, and strangers are welcome? Seek to know one another in the things which are eternal, bear the burden of each other's failings and pray for one another. As we enter with tender sympathy into the joys and sorrows of each other's lives, ready to give help and to receive it, our meeting can be a channel for God's love and forgiveness.

Britain Yearly Meeting: *Advices and Queries*, 17 and 18
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Abington Quarter Sunday Worship

9:30 - 10:30 AM

Gwynedd MM
Abington MM (6-19 to 9-1)

10:00-11:00 AM

Byberry (summer)
Norristown MM
Upper Dublin MM

10:30-11:30 AM

Horsham MM
Richland MM

11AM-12 PM

Byberry MM
Foulkeways WG
Pottstown W (2nd, 4th, & 5th weeks only)
Unami MM

11:15 AM-12:15 PM

Abington MM
Plymouth MM

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