

# Minutes

SAYMA

## Representative Meeting #113

Winter 2005

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**Representatives to Representative Meeting** – Representative Meeting acts in SAYMA's name between sessions. Any f/Friend may participate; those gathered represent the yearly meeting. Representatives are important channels of communication between local f/Friends & SAYMA.

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# Contact People for Actions Requested

by Representative Meeting #113

| minute | action requested   | when needed         | contact information  |
|--------|--|---------------------|--|
| 113-15 | <b>monthly meetings</b> -- return form re assessment particulars                   | as soon as feasible | <b>Dennis Gregg, Finance Committee Clerk</b><br>185 Hood Dr, Crossville TN 38555<br>931-484-2633, <a href="mailto:Finance@sayma.org">Finance@sayma.org</a>   |
| 113-12 | <b>monthly meetings</b> -- input on proposed division of list-server               | by <b>2-28-06</b>   | <b>Bill Reynolds, e-Communications Cttee Clerk</b><br>3529 Dell Trail, Chattanooga TN 37411<br>423-624-6821, <a href="mailto:e-Communication@sayma.org">e-Communication@sayma.org</a>                    |
| 113-13 | <b>monthly meetings</b> -- minuted response to proposed Faith & Practice revisions | by <b>1-28-06</b>   | <b>Free Polazzo, F&amp;P Revision Committee Clerk</b><br>5525 Dorsett Shoals Ln<br>Douglasville GA 30135<br>770-949-1707, <a href="mailto:Faith&amp;Practice@sayma.org">Faith&amp;Practice@sayma.org</a> |

## ...contacts for other matters...

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| current per-capita* <b>SAYMA assessment -- \$60</b><br>(*per member & attender)                          | <b>send checks to -- David Ciscel, Treasurer</b><br>1950 Nelson, Memphis TN 38104- <b>5418</b>  |
| <b>SAYMA website</b> -- calendar, <b>minutes, F&amp;P revisions</b> , Positions of Responsibility roster | <a href="http://www.sayma.org">www.sayma.org</a>  |
| SAYMA's <b>list-server</b> – to subscribe or un-subscribe, visit its website                             | <a href="http://kitenet.net/cgi-bin/mailman/listinfo/sayma">http://kitenet.net/cgi-bin/mailman/listinfo/sayma</a><br>& follow the instructions                        |
| <b>SAYMA office &amp; Administrative Assistant</b>   | <b>Mary Calhoun</b> <a href="mailto:AdminAsst@sayma.org">AdminAsst@sayma.org</a><br>POB 2191, Abingdon VA 24212-2191<br>276-628-5852 (mach) in person Tu/Th 5-7:30 pm |

**Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting and Association  
Minutes - Representative Meeting #113 (Winter)  
Atlanta Friends Meeting, Decatur, GA  
Twelfth Month, Third Day, 2005 – 9:30 am**

**113-1 Opening**

The Meeting opened with silent waiting.

The clerk, Kristi Estes, read a letter from Baltimore Yearly Meeting regarding Friend Tom Fox, currently being held hostage in Iraq. See **Appendix G** for the letter. Friends are asked to hold him in the light.

**113-2 Introductions**

Friends introduced themselves, their monthly meeting, and their positions with the yearly meeting.

A list of attenders follows as **Appendix A**.

**113-3 Announcements/ Correspondence**

Announcements were given, and Kristi Estes welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**113-3.1 Calendar**

April 8, 2006: Representative Meeting in Birmingham, AL

June 7-11, 2006: Yearly Meeting at Warren Wilson College

Sept 9, 2006: Representative Meeting at Berea, KY

Dec. 2, 2006: Representative Meeting at Asheville, NC

June 6-10, 2007: Yearly Meeting at Warren Wilson

**113-4 Yearly Meeting Planning Committee Question**

Members of YMPC spoke to their desire to create opportunities for early-arriving Friends to gather.

***Minute** -- The representative meeting approved opening up the college to arrivals on Wednesday and offering non-business programming on Thursday morning. The meeting also approved that Yearly Meeting can open for informal social gathering on Wednesday evening.*

A concern of creating an intergenerational offering on Thursday morning was raised.

Finance committee asked YMPC to talk to Warren Wilson about the financial implications for opening YM early.

**113-5 Treasurer's Report**

David Ciscel presented the treasurer's report. It is attached as **Appendix B**.

We are two months into our fiscal year, starting October 1<sup>st</sup>. David noted that we had a \$3,000 deficit for the 2005 budget and a \$5,000 deficit in the transition budget. We have financed our deficits by drawing down money from our savings. David noted that SAYF keeps their own finances, and we provide them about \$3000 in contributions each year.

David noted that we are asking Monthly Meetings to pay on a quarterly basis. We are also asking Monthly Meetings and individuals to consider giving beyond the assessment. One individual and two meetings have felt led to give in significant amounts since last representative meeting.

David also explained that our Set-Aside Budgeted Funds are kept from year to year. He noted that several have not been used recently (i.e. Released Friend Fund and Young Adult Friends Scholarship). Dennis Gregg noted that YM

has a mechanism that people can use to apply to draw down these funds.

On page 4 of the report [Fiscal year 2006 spreadsheet], under contributions to wider Quaker organizations, there is a change. Quaker Eco-Witness National Legislation has been folded under Quaker Earthcare Witness (QEW). The funds budgeted for Quaker Eco-Witness NL (\$200) have been combined with the original funds budgeted for QEW (\$200), and the line item now reads \$400 for QEW.

**Minute** -- *Friends approved and accepted this report.*

### **113-6 Epistle from New England Yearly Meeting Young Friends**

The clerk read an epistle from New England Yearly Meeting Young Friends encouraging the Yearly Meeting to be grounded in worship.

## **COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS**

### **113-7 Ministry and Nurture**

Judy Guerry brings greetings from M&N committee. See attached Report from Ministry and Nurture in **Appendix C**.

Representative Meeting also received a minute of support from SAYMA Ministry and Nurture Committee regarding Rachel Weir's leading to travel to Guatemala for the annual meeting of the FWCC Section of the Americas, to serve as a simultaneous interpreter for talks. See attachment in **Appendix D**.

Rachel will also be doing intervisitation with El Salvador Yearly Meeting. She has requested \$100 from the SAYMA Ministry and Nurture's traveling in the ministry fund for this purpose. This has been approved.

Ministry and Nurture asked the SAYMA representative session to endorse their minute of support for Rachel's ministry.

**Minute** -- *The Meeting endorsed the minute, and a traveling minute for Rachel will be drafted by the Clerk.*

### **113-8 Nominations**

Sharon Annis brought one nomination before the group. Nominations is bringing forth the name of Sally Prugh to travel to Guatemala as our second FWCC representative with term to be determined by the nominating committee.

Sharon also requested that representatives communicate to their monthly Meetings the fact that there will be significant openings in SAYMA committees, and to ask members to discern where they might serve.

**Minute** -- *Friends approved the above nomination.*

### **113-9 Advancement**

The Advancement committee is no longer looking at the charge regarding the boundaries of SAYMA. However, they will remain active until the concern regarding the right relationship between worship groups and monthly meetings is laid down.

**Minute** -- *Friends accepted this report.*

### **113-10 JYM Program**

No Report. The clerk clarified that there is no Religious Education ad hoc committee. JYM Program Committee is now a standing committee.

### **113-11 Administrative Assistant**

Mary Calhoun announced that the 2006 SAYMA directory is now available. It is 100 pages long. She is sending out one to each monthly meeting, preparatory meeting, and worship group. It is available for free to SAYMA members who need it to complete their tasks.

There is also a copy of the last minutes available. They will soon be available online at [www.sayma.org](http://www.sayma.org)

### **113-12 Electronic Communications**

The clerk reminded representatives that Monthly Meetings need to respond to the E-Communications committee by the end of February.

### **113-13 Faith and Practice**

The clerk reminded representatives that the Faith and Practice committee is looking for the results of their meetings' considerations of the proposed changes by the 28th of January. They are taking responses from worship groups, but are requesting that they be in minute form from each of the monthly meetings.

### **113-14 Ecological Concerns Network**

ECN is working on a retreat in March either March 10-11 or March 24-25. The retreat is open to everyone with a concern for Earthcare. ECN is working on defining for the yearly meeting and its monthly meetings the differences between QEW, ECN, individual ecological groups/committees of monthly meetings, and outside SAYMA ecological groups (i.e. Quaker Institute for the Future, Friends Testimonies on Economics and Ecology) to help Friends understand how these groups serve us in caring for the Earth.

ECN is also working on developing a list of ECN contacts within the membership of SAYMA.

### **113-15 Finance Committee**

Dennis Gregg reported. Finance committee drafted a letter after Representative Meeting #112 and sent it to each monthly meeting. Half of SAYMA's meetings have responded with checks. There was also a form sent asking the monthly meetings to write down how much money they were sending SAYMA. Only two monthly meetings sent back the form. The finance committee asks meetings to complete the form and communicate how much money SAYMA can expect to receive from meetings and at what time. Finance committee also asks that checks sent out from monthly meetings document which time period the check is for (i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2006 or 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2006).

Finance committee will take responsibility for finding and communicating the information about how to apply for monies from SAYMA (this includes from the set-aside funds and yearly meeting scholarships).

Finance committee will be sending out a letter to clerks of SAYMA committees before Representative Meeting #114 regarding budget requirements for 2007.

Finance committee is also going to draft a set of guidelines for major donors.

***Minute** -- Friends accepted this report.*

## **WIDER QUAKER ORGANIZATIONS**

### **113-16 2006 FGC Gathering**

Perry Treadwell reported that the 2006 Gathering from July 1-7 at Puget Sound, Washington is something to look forward to. He noted that the college can only host 1200 people and that registration on-line starts on March 1<sup>st</sup>. He reported that he visited the site, and that this is the fruition of 10 years of visioning.

Kristi reported of the spirit-led work of FGC's Central Committee, which has charge of the FGC Gathering, and of the good work of SAYMA representatives.

### **113-17 FCNL Report**

Carol Nickle, SAYMA's FCNL representative, reported from FCNL's annual gathering in November. She spoke of the spiritual nurturing that she has experienced through FCNL. Carole spoke about the work of FCNL's keynote speaker, Representative Lynn Woolsley (D-CA). She also spoke of the work FCNL is doing in advocating for the STEP resolution as a way to end the Iraq War. West Knoxville Monthly Meeting has endorsed the STEP resolution.

FCNL currently works with 23,000 Friends throughout the country. They are hoping to double this number. Friends are encouraged to get their meeting's members involved in the work of FCNL. Friends can sign up to get e-information on [www.fcnl.org](http://www.fcnl.org).

Carol reminded us of the mailing in January that FCNL will send to monthly meetings, requesting for Meetings to communicate what priorities they feel FCNL should work on in the coming year.

Alice Wald noted that not all meetings in SAYMA have an FCNL contact person. She told a story of how a Friends Meeting's work with their representative resulted in a change of position. She also talked about the ease of which meetings can create a tri-fold display. More information is available at [www.fcnl.org](http://www.fcnl.org).

### **NEW CONCERNS**

#### **113-18 Minute on Torture**

Attached Minute in **Appendix E**. Carol Ciscel spoke of the exciting and moving process that Memphis Friends Meeting went through in creating this minute. Memphis Monthly Meeting asks how they might be assisted in disseminating this minute through SAYMA.

The clerk spoke of the timely nature of this minute, and of the leading spearheaded by John Calvi of New England Yearly Meeting for QUIT (Quaker Initiative to End Torture). QUIT will have a conference on torture from June 2-4 at Guilford College in Greensboro, NC. Their website is: <http://home.ix.netcom.com/~quit/>

A concern was raised over the status of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee and its current inability to communicate this minute throughout SAYMA. Janine Bruton (Chattanooga), Kay Smith (Birmingham), and Dennis Gregg (Crossville) will work with Peace and Social Concerns to help disseminate this minute with Memphis.

Roy Taylor strongly recommended that a network of addresses containing the representative roles of people within SAYMA be made available.

**Minute** -- *Friends approved referring this request to the Peace and Social Concerns committee.*

#### **113-19 Gwinnett Preparative Meeting**

Karen Morris, clerk of Atlanta Friends Meeting writes in 10<sup>th</sup> month, 2005:

"I am writing this letter to officially let SAYMA know that Gwinnett Worship Group was approved to become a Preparative Meeting by Atlanta Monthly Meeting in Fourth month, 2005. I have copied the Minute below. We are excited to have Gwinnett Preparative Meeting under our care. Several of our long term members, including former clerks of Atlanta Meeting, are working with them as they grow as a Meeting."

**Minute** -- *SAYMA recognizes that Gwinnett Worship Group was approved to become a Preparative Meeting under the care of Atlanta Friends Meeting.*

A concern about dues payment procedures was raised regarding SAYMA dues coming through a monthly meeting or a Preparative Meeting. There was a question whether the description in Faith and Practice regarding the relationship between monthly meetings and preparative meetings is clear regarding money – particularly assessments. Currently each meeting determines the amount of its members and regular attenders for its assessment. Each preparative meeting comes to an agreement with its caring monthly meeting whether it will pay directly or pay through the monthly meeting.

### **113-20 Anneewakee Creek Worship Group**

Anneewakee Creek Worship Group is now under the care of Atlanta Friends Meeting.

### **113-21 Yearly Meeting Planning Committee**

See report in **Appendix F**.

### **113- 22 The Structure of Yearly Meeting Business Meeting**

Dennis Gregg from Finance and Yearly Meeting spoke about an additional issue: the tension between Friends seeing the Yearly Meeting as a time for business, and as a time for retreat and rejuvenation. Yearly Meeting Planning Committee asks that representatives bring this concern into the light in their individual meetings. The Planning Committee feels the need for discernment regarding how we feel a Spirit-led Yearly Meeting would best be structured.

One Friend offered up the possibility of two days of business meeting and two days of no business meeting at Yearly Meeting. There have been requests for half-day workshops and longer opportunities for fellowship and worship sharing.

Another Friend spoke with concern regarding our Yearly Meeting's current discipline and whether we are likely to engage each other with spirit-led discernment in day-long business meeting sessions.

Another Friend, a former clerk of the Finance committee, spoke from his experience. He said that it was very useful to consult with people at Yearly Meeting and to have space that was not YM business time in-between business sessions in order to better do his committee work.

A Friend spoke from his long-term concern of whether SAYMA's discernment process is faulty. He asked, "What is the purpose of our Yearly Meeting?" He said that it took the FGC Gathering 100 years before it had a statement of purpose. He spoke of how Yearly Meeting needs to be more than a business meeting. He spoke of how business meetings can be very, very spiritual. He read London Yearly Meeting's statement of purpose, written in 1668 (?). They wrote that they created the Yearly Meeting "to see each other's faces and open each other's hearts to the truth of God once a year." He asked that we look at the purpose of what our Yearly Meeting is. He challenged us to make sure that our business meetings and our workshops and everything we do with Yearly Meeting is done with the intention of seeing one another's faces.

Another Friend spoke of how business meetings in FGC have been a source of spiritual nurturance and energizing – even when they lasted to the middle of the night. She spoke of the need for a recommitment to do the "deep" work asked of us as Friends in our meetings for worship with attention to business – both in our monthly meetings and in our yearly meeting.

A Friend spoke of how both sides of the Yearly Meeting – the business and the physical and spiritual nurturance – both feed each other. She spoke of how teaching Quakerism could be more integrated into Yearly Meeting. Another friend spoke of how workshops on business meeting could enrich Friends' participation in business meetings.

Friends are asked to hold these concerns in the light and bring them to their business meetings as they are led. The clerk requested that the clerks committee take on the task of discerning ways in which the yearly meeting business meeting can more fully embody an inviting, spirit-led community.

**113-23 Minute of Thanks to Atlanta Friends Meeting**

A Friend spoke of how she is thankful to have been taken care of well, to have been able to meet new faces and old friends, and for the rumble of the Spirit underneath us to keep us awake.

Many Friends spoke of the culinary gifts of Atlanta.

A Friend spoke of the warm hospitality of Atlanta Friends Meeting and the beautiful view of the big trees outside.

A Friend spoke that this was her third trip to Atlanta Friends meeting, and how she appreciated the healthy food and the name tags.

A Friend spoke of her gratitude for the quality of the home hospitality – really seeing one another’s faces and realizing that we can go on and on and on sharing about our lives.

A Friend spoke of how good it was to see the genuine joy on her host’s faces when they greeted her very late last night.

A Friend spoke of how Atlanta has supported SAYMA and their generosity – both through the financial gifts and their home hospitality.

Another friend spoke of how good it was for their family, new to the Quaker community, to receive the welcome that they did this weekend.

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Kristi Estes, Clerk  
*(archive copy signed)*

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Christina Van Regenmorter, Recording Clerk  
*(archive copy signed)*

**APPENDIX A**  
**List of Attenders**

|                       |                  |                                 |                |
|-----------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Grey Kirbach .....    | Asheville        | Lissa Friedman .....            | Cookeville     |
| Ceal Wutka .....      | Atlanta          | Dennis Gregg .....              | Crossville     |
| Beth Ensign .....     | Atlanta          | Errol Hess .....                | Foxfire        |
| Ron Nuse .....        | Atlanta          | Mary Calhoun .....              | Foxfire        |
| Kathy Johnson .....   | Atlanta          | Chris Berg .....                | Greenville     |
| Laura Norlin .....    | Atlanta          | Susan Phelan .....              | Huntsville     |
| Katie Tippin .....    | Atlanta          | Kristi Estes .....              | Memphis        |
| Perry Treadwell ..... | Atlanta/Gwinnett | Carol Ciscel .....              | Memphis        |
| Karen Morris .....    | Atlanta          | David Ciscel .....              | Memphis        |
| Judy Guerry .....     | Birmingham       | Kit Potter .....                | Nashville      |
| Kay Smith .....       | Birmingham       | Christina Van Regenmorter ..... | Nashville      |
| Roy Taylor .....      | Canton           | Steven Feely .....              | Sewanee        |
| Janine Bruton .....   | Chattanooga      | Missy Ivy .....                 | West Knoxville |
| Alice Wald .....      | Clemson/Columbia | Sharon Annis .....              | West Knoxville |
| Sallie Prugh .....    | Columbia         | Carol Nickle .....              | West Knoxville |



## **APPENDIX B**

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer's December 2005 Representative Meeting Report  
Prepared Saturday, November 26, 2005

This report begins the FY 2006 budget year. This year's budget is based on a \$60 assessment. The budget reduced contributions to wider Quaker originations (WQOs). Attached, please find four documents: (1) the final budget report for FY 2005, (2) the final Account Balances report for FY 2005, (3) the initial FY 2006 budget report, and (4) the initial FY 2006 Account Balances report.

Budget issues to report include:

1. The FY 2005 budget is complete and attached. Highlights are:
  - a. \$69,597.02 in contributions, \$72,664.31 in expenditures for a \$3,067.29 deficit
  - b. \$3,205.61 in contributions during the 3 month Transition budget, \$8,027.09 in expenditures for a \$4,821.48 deficit.
  - c. SAYMA was able to meet all budgetary obligations during the Transition and the FY 2005 budget periods.
2. The FY 2005 SAYF budget has been submitted to the Treasurer.
3. The initial FY 2006 budget is attached.
  - a. Planned contributions and expenditures are \$69,850, based a \$60.00 per member and attender assessment of SAYMA Monthly Meetings.
  - b. The fiscal year is too young to know how expenditures are running.
  - c. Contributions in the beginning of FY 2006 have been quite good:
    - i. \$7,000.25 in assessments
    - ii. \$2,521.00 in voluntary contributions to the budget.
4. SAYMA has two part-time employees. Small raises (COLAs of 2.7 percent) were implemented with the October paychecks for FY 2006. Our employees still lack a real benefit package.
5. Assessments from Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups since last Representative Meeting were received from: **Oxford Quaker Meeting, Asheville Friends Meeting, Nashville Friends Meeting, Foxfire Friends Meeting, Atlanta Friends, Boone Friends Meeting, Chattanooga Friends Meeting, Columbia Friends Meeting, Celo Monthly Meeting, Brevard Friends Meeting, and Berea Friends Meeting**. Additional contributions were received from Carla Askonas, Atlanta Friends Meeting, and West Knoxville Friends Meeting
6. Notes from the FY 2006 Account Balances sheet. SAYMA has set aside funds of \$11,890 for eight different funds. These funds include the funds transferred from the new FY 2006 budget. SAYMA has \$14,541 in two savings accounts to cover these claims, plus \$12,175 in our checking account for a total of \$26,717. Currently, SAYMA has available net assets of \$14,826.
7. SAYMA is currently able to meet its budget obligations. SAYMA does not have a financial surplus for difficult times.

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SAYMA Fiscal Year 2005 -- Approved at YM June 2004

Fiscal Year: October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2005 (transition quarter 7/1/04-9/30/04) -- Complied for Representative Meeting on December 3, 2005 -- Final Report for Fiscal 2005 and Transition Quarter

|  | Budget<br>FY 2004 | Actual<br>FY 2004  | Transition<br>Budget | Budget<br>FY 2005 | Actual<br>FY 2005   |
|--|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Income</b>                          |                   |                    |                      |                   |                     |
| Assessments                            | \$32,500          | \$39,619.27        | \$3,179.75           | \$44,200          | \$39,182.50         |
| Bank Interest                          | \$100             | \$235.76           | \$25.86              | \$50              | \$185.79            |
| Contributions                          | \$100             | \$645.00           |                      | \$300             | \$833.00            |
| F&P Sales                              | \$100             | \$386.34           |                      | \$250             | \$91.10             |
| Newsletter                             |                   |                    |                      |                   |                     |
| SAYF Receipts                          | \$5,100           |                    |                      | \$500             |                     |
| YM Total Receipts                      | \$26,500          | \$24,565           |                      | \$25,000          | \$29,304.63         |
| YM Receipts                            | \$24,100          | \$22,109.00        |                      | \$25,000          | \$26,116.50         |
| YM Scholarship Donations               | \$900             |                    |                      |                   | \$968.00            |
| YM Book Sales                          | \$1,500           | \$2,456.22         |                      |                   | \$2,220.13          |
| <b>Total Income</b>                    | <b>\$64,400</b>   | <b>\$65,451.59</b> | <b>\$3,205.61</b>    | <b>\$70,300</b>   | <b>\$69,597.02</b>  |
| <b>SAYMA OPERATIONAL EXPENSES</b>      |                   |                    |                      |                   |                     |
| Yearly Meeting                         | \$25,000          | \$25,471.94        |                      | \$25,000          | \$28,165.30         |
| Yrly Meeting - Facilities              |                   | \$20,805.99        |                      |                   | \$20,727.00         |
| Prtng/Mail/Phone/Minutes/Misc          |                   |                    |                      |                   | \$2,321.60          |
| Junior Yearly Meeting -- JYM           | \$1,500           | \$2,406.52         |                      |                   | \$2,842.87          |
| Coordinator                            |                   |                    |                      |                   | \$1,800.00          |
| Ass't Coordinator                      |                   |                    |                      |                   | \$1,000.00          |
| Supplies/Sitters/Misc                  |                   |                    |                      |                   | \$42.87             |
| Scholarship/WQO Reps/Speakers          |                   |                    |                      |                   | \$212.50            |
| YM Bookstore                           |                   | \$2,259.43         |                      |                   | \$2,061.33          |
| SAYF Operation & Admin Transfers       | \$2,600           | \$2,300.00         | \$1,500.00           | \$3,000           | \$2,800.00          |
| SAYF Retreats                          | \$7,100           |                    |                      |                   |                     |
| Delegate Expenses                      | \$6,800           | \$4,891.89         | \$1,337.95           | \$6,800           | \$5,151.12          |
| Rep Mtgs                               | \$300             | \$429.75           |                      | \$300             | \$60.00             |
| Del to WQOs                            | \$6,500           | \$4,462.14         | \$1,337.95           | \$6,500           | \$5,091.12          |
| Committees                             | \$1,200           | \$387.81           | \$148.16             | \$1,200           | \$799.84            |
| Ministry and Nurture                   | \$1,000           | \$158.72           |                      | \$700             | \$328.00            |
| Ecological Concerns                    | \$200             | \$200.00           |                      | \$300             | \$148.00            |
| Faith and Practice                     |                   | \$29.09            | \$148.16             | \$200             | \$265.60            |
| Nominating                             |                   |                    |                      |                   | \$58.24             |
| SAYMA Liability Insurance              | \$400             |                    |                      | \$500             | \$615.00            |
| SAYMA Personnel                        | \$16,600          | \$15,573.68        | \$4,576.20           | \$18,400          | \$18,821.53         |
| SAYMA Staff Training                   | \$1,000           |                    |                      | \$0               | \$300.00            |
| SAYMA Office Administration            | \$3,000           | \$2,862.23         | \$187.03             | \$3,000           | \$4,311.22          |
| Phone, Internet & Office Expenses      |                   |                    |                      |                   | \$1,305.48          |
| Postage                                |                   |                    |                      |                   | \$1,056.43          |
| Duplication                            |                   |                    |                      |                   | \$1,611.21          |
| Misc. Office                           |                   |                    |                      |                   | \$338.10            |
| SAYMA Newsletter                       | \$2,000           | \$1,011.42         | \$277.75             | \$1,300           | \$1,152.28          |
| SAYMA Directory                        | \$600             |                    |                      | \$600             |                     |
| SAYMA Treasurer                        |                   | \$438.77           |                      | \$300             | \$484.91            |
| SAYMA F&P                              | \$500             | \$388.25           |                      | \$500             | \$172.80            |
| SAYMA IRS Penalties, Interest          |                   | \$1,366.10         |                      |                   | \$190.31            |
| <b>Total Operational Disbursements</b> | <b>\$68,300</b>   | <b>\$54,692.09</b> | <b>\$8,027.09</b>    | <b>\$60,600</b>   | <b>\$62,964.31</b>  |
| <b>YEARLY MEETING PROJECTS</b>         |                   |                    |                      |                   |                     |
| Transfers To Funds                     | \$2,800           | \$2,800.00         |                      | \$3,300           | \$3,300.00          |
| Spiritual Development Fund             | \$500             | \$500.00           |                      | \$500             | \$500.00            |
| Released Friend Fund                   | \$400             | \$400.00           |                      | \$400             | \$400.00            |
| FWCC - 3rd Wld Del                     | \$650             | \$650.00           |                      | \$650             | \$650.00            |
| FWCC Triennial Fund                    | \$1,000           | \$1,000.00         |                      | \$1,000           | \$1,000.00          |
| YouthQuake                             | \$250             | \$250.00           |                      | \$250             | \$250.00            |
| Young Adult Friends Scholarships       |                   |                    |                      | \$500             | \$500.00            |
| Contributions Wider Quaker Org         | \$6,250           | \$6,250.00         |                      | \$6,400           | \$6,400.00          |
| AFSC                                   | \$800             | \$800.00           |                      | \$800             | \$800.00            |
| FCNL                                   | \$800             | \$800.00           |                      | \$800             | \$800.00            |
| FGC                                    | \$800             | \$800.00           |                      | \$800             | \$800.00            |
| FWCC                                   | \$800             | \$800.00           |                      | \$800             | \$800.00            |
| Right Sharing of World Res             | \$800             | \$800.00           |                      | \$800             | \$800.00            |
| Quaker House                           | \$800             | \$800.00           |                      | \$800             | \$800.00            |
| Friends for LGBTQ Concerns             | \$200             | \$200.00           |                      | \$200             | \$200.00            |
| Quaker Earthcare Witness               | \$400             | \$400.00           |                      | \$400             | \$400.00            |
| Friends Peace Teams                    | \$150             | \$150.00           |                      | \$300             | \$300.00            |
| Wm Penn House                          | \$200             | \$200.00           |                      | \$200             | \$200.00            |
| Quaker Eco-Witness NL                  | \$400             | \$400.00           |                      | \$400             | \$400.00            |
| Guilford College Archiving             | \$100             | \$100.00           |                      | \$100             | \$100.00            |
| Rural Southern Voice for Peace         | \$0               |                    |                      | \$0               |                     |
| Other                                  | \$100             |                    |                      |                   |                     |
| <b>Total Projects</b>                  | <b>\$9,150</b>    | <b>\$9,050.00</b>  | <b>\$0.00</b>        | <b>\$9,700</b>    | <b>\$9,700.00</b>   |
| <b>Total Disbursements</b>             | <b>\$77,450</b>   | <b>\$63,742.09</b> | <b>\$8,027.09</b>    | <b>\$70,300</b>   | <b>\$72,664.31</b>  |
| <b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>               | <b>(\$13,050)</b> | <b>\$1,709.50</b>  | <b>(\$4,821.48)</b>  | <b>\$0</b>        | <b>(\$3,067.29)</b> |

**SAYMA Account Balances Report -- Fiscal 2005 Final**  
**Friday, September 30, 2005**

|  | <b>Fiscal Year</b> |                  |                 |                  |                    |
|--|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|
|  | 2001               | 2002             | 2003            | 2004             | 2005               |
|  | <b>6/30/2001</b>   | <b>6/30/2002</b> | <b>6/7/2003</b> | <b>6/30/2004</b> | <b>9/30/2005</b>   |
| <b>ASSETS</b>  |                    |                  |                 |                  |                    |
| Bank Accounts  |                    |                  |                 |                  |                    |
| Checking (Bank of America)   | \$17,963           | \$5,399          | \$5,529         | \$18,694         | \$9,166.70         |
| Money Market (Self Help)   | \$13,173           | \$10,960         | \$5,900         | \$14,229         | \$9,514.07         |
| Savings (Self Help CD)*  | \$5,460            | \$7,934          | \$8,244         | \$0              | \$5,000.00         |
| SAYF Checking (off books in 2004)  | \$1,884            | \$1,413          | \$784           |                  |                    |
| <b>Total Available Funds</b>   | <b>\$38,480</b>    | <b>\$25,706</b>  | <b>\$20,457</b> | <b>\$32,923</b>  | <b>\$23,680.77</b> |
| Set Aside Budgeted Funds   |                    |                  |                 |                  |                    |
| FWCC Third World Delegate  | \$650              | \$1,300          | \$0             | \$650            | \$1,300.00         |
| FWCC Triennial Delegates   | \$905              | \$1,905          | \$2,115         | \$667            | \$1,667.27         |
| Released Friend  | \$1,950            | \$1,850          | \$2,250         | \$2,650          | \$3,050.00         |
| Spiritual Development  | \$782              | \$1,282          | \$1,782         | \$2,082          | \$582.00           |
| Youth Quake  | \$845              | \$1,095          | \$1,345         | \$1,595          | \$1,645.00         |
| Young Adult Friends Scholarship  |                    |                  |                 |                  | \$500.00           |
| Accumulated Funds  |                    |                  |                 |                  |                    |
| YM Scholarship   | \$328              | \$502            | \$502           | \$502            | \$596.00           |
| SAYF Scholarship Fund  |                    |                  | \$250           | \$250            | \$250.00           |
| <b>Claims against Available Funds</b>  | <b>\$5,460</b>     | <b>\$7,934</b>   | <b>\$8,244</b>  | <b>\$8,396</b>   | <b>\$9,590.27</b>  |
| <b>Net Assets</b>  | <b>\$33,021</b>    | <b>\$17,773</b>  | <b>\$12,213</b> | <b>\$24,527</b>  | <b>\$14,090.50</b> |
| <b>Fund Expenses in Fiscal Year</b>  |                    |                  |                 |                  |                    |
| FWCC Triennial Delegate  |                    |                  |                 | (\$2,447)        |                    |
| Spiritual Development Fund   |                    |                  |                 | (\$200)          |                    |
| Net 2005 YM Scholarship Fund   |                    |                  |                 |                  | \$94.00            |
| Spiritual Development Fund -- 2 Delegates to World Gathering of Quaker Youth |                    |                  |                 |                  | (\$2,000.00)       |
| <b>Total</b>   |                    |                  |                 | <b>(\$2,647)</b> | <b>-\$1,906.00</b> |
| *Interest (\$115.79) reported on budget page.                                |                    |                  |                 |                  |                    |

**SAYMA Fiscal Year 2006 -- Reviewed and Approved at Representative Meeting September 2005**  
**Fiscal Year: October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006 -- Compiled for Representative Meeting, December 3, 2005**

|  | Budget<br>FY 2005 | Actual<br>FY 2005   | Budget<br>FY 2006 | Actual<br>FY 2006 |
|--|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Income</b>                          |                   |                     |                   |                   |
| Assessments*                           | \$44,200          | \$39,182.50         | \$40,000          | \$7,000.25        |
| Bank Interest                          | \$50              | \$185.79            | \$100             | \$45.19           |
| Contributions                          | \$300             | \$833.00            | \$500             | \$2,521.00        |
| F&P Sales                              | \$250             | \$91.10             | \$250             | \$20.00           |
| Newsletter                             |                   |                     |                   |                   |
| SA YF Receipts                         | \$500             |                     | \$0               |                   |
| YM Total Receipts                      | \$25,000          | \$29,304.63         | \$29,000          | \$0               |
| YM Receipts                            | \$25,000          | \$26,116.50         | \$26,000          |                   |
| YM Scholarship Donations               |                   | \$968.00            | \$1,000           |                   |
| YM Book Sales                          |                   | \$2,220.13          | \$2,000           |                   |
| <b>Total Income</b>                    | <b>\$70,300</b>   | <b>\$69,597.02</b>  | <b>\$69,850</b>   | <b>\$9,586.44</b> |
| <b>SAYMA OPERATIONAL EXPENSES</b>      |                   |                     |                   |                   |
| Yearly Meeting                         | \$25,000          | \$28,165.30         | \$26,900          | \$0.00            |
| Yrly Meeting - Facilities              |                   | \$20,727.00         | \$20,000          |                   |
| Prtng/Mail/Phone/Minutes/Misc          |                   | \$2,321.60          | \$900             |                   |
| Junior Yearly Meeting -- JYM           |                   | \$2,842.87          | \$3,000           | \$0.00            |
| Coordinator                            |                   | \$1,800.00          | \$1,800           |                   |
| Ass't Coordinator                      |                   | \$1,000.00          | \$1,000           |                   |
| Supplies/Sitters/Misc                  |                   | \$42.87             | \$200             |                   |
| Scholarship W QO Reps                  |                   | \$212.50            | \$1,000           |                   |
| YM Bookstore                           |                   | \$2,061.33          | \$2,000           |                   |
| SA YF Operation & Admin Transfers      | \$3,000           | \$2,800.00          | \$3,000           | \$750.00          |
| SA YF Retreats                         |                   |                     |                   |                   |
| Delegate Expenses                      | \$6,800           | \$5,151.12          | \$6,900           | \$1,139.29        |
| Rep Mtgs                               | \$300             | \$60.00             | \$300             |                   |
| Del to W QOs                           | \$6,500           | \$5,091.12          | \$6,600           | \$1,139.29        |
| Committees                             | \$1,200           | \$799.84            | \$1,300           | \$72.00           |
| Ministry and Nurture                   | \$700             | \$328.00            | \$700             | \$12.00           |
| Ecological Concerns                    | \$300             | \$148.00            | \$300             | \$60.00           |
| Faith and Practice                     | \$200             | \$265.60            | \$200             |                   |
| Nominating                             |                   | \$58.24             | \$100             |                   |
| SA YMA Liability Insurance             | \$500             | \$615.00            | \$800             |                   |
| SA YMA Personnel                       | \$18,400          | \$18,821.53         | \$19,500          | \$3,214.27        |
| SA YMA Staff Training                  | \$0               | \$300.00            | \$0               |                   |
| SA YMA Office Administration           | \$3,000           | \$4,311.22          | \$3,500           | \$876.82          |
| Phone, Internet & Office Expenses      |                   | \$1,305.48          |                   | \$82.18           |
| Postage                                |                   | \$1,056.43          |                   | \$98.64           |
| Duplication                            |                   | \$1,611.21          |                   | \$693.00          |
| Misc. Office                           |                   | \$338.10            |                   | \$3.00            |
| SA YMA Newsletter                      | \$1,300           | \$1,152.28          | \$1,300           | \$203.04          |
| SA YMA Directory                       | \$600             |                     | \$600             |                   |
| SA YMA Treasurer                       | \$300             | \$484.91            | \$200             | \$22.40           |
| SA YMA F&P                             | \$500             | \$172.80            | \$100             | \$88.43           |
| SA YMA IRS Penalties, Interest         |                   | \$190.31            | \$0               |                   |
| <b>Total Operational Disbursements</b> | <b>\$60,600</b>   | <b>\$62,964.31</b>  | <b>\$64,100</b>   | <b>\$6,366.25</b> |
| <b>YEARLY MEETING PROJECTS</b>         |                   |                     |                   |                   |
| Transfers To Funds                     | \$3,300           | \$3,300.00          | \$2,300           | \$2,300.00        |
| Spiritual Development Fund             | \$500             | \$500.00            | \$500             | \$500.00          |
| Released Friend Fund                   | \$400             | \$400.00            | \$100             | \$100.00          |
| FWCC - 3rd Wld Del                     | \$650             | \$650.00            | \$650             | \$650.00          |
| FWCC Triennial Fund                    | \$1,000           | \$1,000.00          | \$700             | \$700.00          |
| YouthQuake                             | \$250             | \$250.00            | \$250             | \$250.00          |
| Young Adult Friends Scholarships       | \$500             | \$500.00            | \$100             | \$100.00          |
| Contributions Wider Quaker Org         | \$6,400           | \$6,400.00          | \$3,450           | \$0.00            |
| AFSC                                   | \$800             | \$800.00            | \$400             |                   |
| FCNL                                   | \$800             | \$800.00            | \$400             |                   |
| FGC                                    | \$800             | \$800.00            | \$400             |                   |
| FWCC                                   | \$800             | \$800.00            | \$400             |                   |
| Right Sharing of World Res             | \$800             | \$800.00            | \$400             |                   |
| Quaker House                           | \$800             | \$800.00            | \$400             |                   |
| Friends for LGBTQ Concerns             | \$200             | \$200.00            | \$100             |                   |
| Quaker Earthcare Witness               | \$400             | \$400.00            | \$400             |                   |
| Friends Peace Teams                    | \$300             | \$300.00            | \$150             |                   |
| Wm Penn House                          | \$200             | \$200.00            | \$100             |                   |
| Quaker Eco-Witness NL                  | \$400             | \$400.00            |                   |                   |
| Guilford College Archiving             | \$100             | \$100.00            | \$100             |                   |
| Rural Southern Voice for Peace         | \$0               |                     | \$200             |                   |
| Other                                  |                   |                     |                   |                   |
| Total Projects                         | \$9,700           | \$9,700.00          | \$5,750           | \$2,300.00        |
| <b>Total Disbursements</b>             | <b>\$70,300</b>   | <b>\$72,664.31</b>  | <b>\$69,850</b>   | <b>\$8,666.25</b> |
| <b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>               | <b>\$0</b>        | <b>(\$3,067.29)</b> | <b>\$0</b>        | <b>\$920.19</b>   |

\* based a \$60.00 assessment per member and regular attender

**SAYMA Account Balances Report -- Fiscal 2006**  
**Saturday, November 26, 2005**

|  | 2002            | 2003            | 2004             | 2005             | 2006            |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
|  | 6/30/2002       | 6/7/2003        | 6/30/2004        | 9/30/2005        | 11/26/2005      |
| <b>ASSETS</b>  |                 |                 |                  |                  |                 |
| Bank Accounts  |                 |                 |                  |                  |                 |
| Checking (Bank of America)   | \$5,399         | \$5,529         | \$18,694         | \$9,167          | \$12,175        |
| Money Market (Self Help)   | \$10,960        | \$5,900         | \$14,229         | \$9,514          | \$9,541         |
| Savings (Self Help CD)*  | \$7,934         | \$8,244         | \$0              | \$5,000          | \$5,000         |
| SAYF Checking (off books in 2004)  | \$1,413         | \$784           |                  |                  |                 |
| <b>Total Available Funds</b>   | <b>\$25,706</b> | <b>\$20,457</b> | <b>\$32,923</b>  | <b>\$23,681</b>  | <b>\$26,717</b> |
| Set Aside Budgeted Funds   |                 |                 |                  |                  |                 |
| FWCC Third World Delegate  | \$1,300         | \$0             | \$650            | \$1,300          | \$1,950         |
| FWCC Triennial Delegates   | \$1,905         | \$2,115         | \$667            | \$1,667          | \$2,367         |
| Released Friend  | \$1,850         | \$2,250         | \$2,650          | \$3,050          | \$3,150         |
| Spiritual Development  | \$1,282         | \$1,782         | \$2,082          | \$582            | \$1,082         |
| Youth Quake  | \$1,095         | \$1,345         | \$1,595          | \$1,645          | \$1,895         |
| Young Adult Friends Scholarship  |                 |                 |                  | \$500            | \$600           |
| Accumulated Funds  |                 |                 |                  |                  |                 |
| YM Scholarship   | \$502           | \$502           | \$502            | \$596            | \$596           |
| SAYF Scholarship Fund  |                 | \$250           | \$250            | \$250            | \$250           |
| <b>Claims against Available Funds</b>  | <b>\$7,934</b>  | <b>\$8,244</b>  | <b>\$8,396</b>   | <b>\$9,590</b>   | <b>\$11,890</b> |
| <b>Net Assets</b>  | <b>\$17,773</b> | <b>\$12,213</b> | <b>\$24,527</b>  | <b>\$14,091</b>  | <b>\$14,826</b> |
| <b>Fund Expenses in Fiscal Year</b>  |                 |                 |                  |                  |                 |
| FWCC Triennial Delegate  |                 |                 | (\$2,447)        |                  |                 |
| Spiritual Development Fund   |                 |                 | (\$200)          |                  |                 |
| Net 2005 YM Scholarship Fund   |                 |                 |                  | \$94.00          |                 |
| Spiritual Development Fund -- 2 Delegates to World Gathering of Quaker Youth |                 |                 |                  | (\$2,000.00)     |                 |
| <b>Total</b>   |                 |                 | <b>(\$2,647)</b> | <b>(\$1,906)</b> |                 |
| *FY 2006 Interest (\$45.19) reported on budget page.                         |                 |                 |                  |                  |                 |

**APPENDIX C**  
**Ministry and Nurture Committee Report**

Bob McGahey, Clerk  
SAYMA Ministry and Nurture Committee

Here are the minutes SAYMA M&N approved at our last meeting, as well as a couple of notes on our plans for future meetings.

MINUTE:

“We are members one of another”, a Quaker community of meetings which have joined together to form SAYMA. Within this community, we can listen to each other and share our gifts. As we considered the interrelationship of our Yearly Meeting and its member meetings, in the spirit of Paul (I Corinthians 12:12-21) we affirmed the bi-directionality of this relationship; meetings both receive and offer assistance through SAYMA.

An important role of SAYMA’s Ministry and Nurture is the facilitation of the exchange of these gifts, of information and resources within our Yearly Meeting. Meetings within SAYMA should feel welcome to contact this committee, both to request assistance and to share the fruits of their gifts. As committee members nurture contacts with the various meetings within SAYMA, they need to listen for both of these.

MINUTE:

In the time-honored tradition of Friends, intervisitation among meetings is something that should not only be a responsibility of this committee, but every SAYMA member’s privilege, so that the presence of another SAYMA member at Sunday worship would be not a surprise, but an expectation.

Other notes:

We plan to meet January 21-22, 2006, at Oxford Monthly Meeting in Mississippi.

We plan to meet in the spring with Anneewakee Creek Worship Group, Canton Worship Group, and Gwinnett Preparative Meeting, all in the Atlanta area, tentatively April 1-2, 2006.

**APPENDIX D**  
**Minute for Rachel Weir**

SAYMA Representative Sessions, Atlanta  
December 3, 2005

SAYMA Ministry and Nurture heartily supports Rachel Weir of Celo Monthly Meeting in her travel to the Annual Meeting of the Section of the Americas of FWCC in Guatemala March 2006 to serve as an interpreter. She also plans to do intervisitation with El Salvador Yearly Meeting after the meeting. FWCC has asked specifically for Friends conversant in Spanish to undertake this intervisitation.

Rachel has been the SAYMA representative to FWCC for six years, and in the last meeting was asked to serve as simultaneous interpreter for talks, in addition to the translation she has done for years. She is dedicated to this ministry and the humble lifestyle which speaks to less financially burdened Friends in Latin America. She has gone through a clearness process with Celo Meeting in advance of asking for a minute of support.

In order to facilitate her travel, Rachel has requested \$100 from SAYMA Ministry and Nurture's traveling in the ministry fund, which members of the committee have approved. Celo Friends Meeting approved (November Business Meeting) \$400 from the Thomas and Roger Maren Special Concerns Fund. She is also applying for

scholarship help through the Susan Bax Fund for support of FWCC ministries by women.

We ask that SAYMA representative session join SAYMA Ministry and Nurture Committee us in support of Rachel's vital, faithful ministry.

## **APPENDIX E**

### **Memphis Friends Meeting Minute on Torture**

November 13, 2005

Memphis Friends Meeting is saddened by the need to draft a minute condemning torture of prisoners by the government of the United States of America. We thought the occasion could not arise in a country dedicated to democracy, diversity, and equality, but it has. Unfortunately, fear of terrorists has convinced some that those charged with protecting our country are only doing what is necessary. We wish to state as clearly as we can that the use of torture has never been and never will be necessary for our security; on the contrary, it actually places us in greater jeopardy and any country that relies on torture for intelligence degrades itself. There is never justification to inflict what is intended as unendurable pain on a child of God. Quibbling over what does and does not constitute torture is deeply disturbing. Our government agencies and military must not train, must not order, and must not allow anyone to inflict pain or humiliation on any prisoner in our custody.

Memphis Friends Meeting calls on all Americans and our elected representatives, including the President and his staff, to bring these shameful actions to an end.

## **APPENDIX F**

### **Yearly Meeting Planning Committee Report**

December 3, 2005

1. A timeline was set for submission and printing of the mailouts for the 2006 Yearly Meeting.
2. Registration deadlines: May 12 is registration deadline (all registrations receive after this date will pay a late fee of \$30.) May 26 deadline for room and meals. No forms will be accepted by the registrar after June 3.
3. Workshops: We have decided to have only one workshop lasting two hours on Friday and Saturday afternoon. The workshop submission form will be placed in the next issue of SAF. Ceal will put the form on the web site and listserve. We will see how many workshops want two hour sessions and find out if any want only one hour sessions before making the final workshop schedule. Overall workshop time is decreased to allow more time for Worship Sharing.
4. Wed. evening Carol Nickle of West Knoxville will hold Chat 'n Chew. This will be an informal social time for those arriving early. Carol Ciscel will be organizing the other Chat 'n Chews.

Thursday morning:

- 8:15 Meet outside Cannon Lounge for a intergenerational walk around Warren Wilson grounds. (Will need to find someone to lead this.)
- 9:30 Crafts: Origami peace birds that will be strung together and hung from windows throughout the weekend. Other activities will be available - drawing paper, pencils, crayons, etc. (Ceal bring paper and yarn)
- 11:00 Music on the patio if weather permits.

5. Registration fee will remain \$30.
6. The need for a few sets of walkie talkies was discussed. These are not very expensive and a few people are also planning on bringing their own. There would be one of these by registration to assist in the handling of problems. Four sets will be purchased and Errol Hess will do some bargain shopping for these.
7. Each of the members of the Planning committee needs to have a detailed job description.
8. Adult program: Panel of four or five members from our yearly meeting on Thursday night to address various testimonies and a plenary speaker from our yearly meeting on Friday night.
9. Saturday will be a Talent Show and several names were put forth as possible MC's.

## **APPENDIX G**

### **Opening Reading**

Excerpts from a letter from Clerk of Baltimore Yearly Meeting regarding the kidnapping of Christian Peacemaker Team Member, and Quaker Tom Fox:

30 November 2005

Dear BYM Monthly Meeting Clerks and Committee Clerks,

On Saturday, November 26, 2005, Tom Fox, a member of Langley Hill Friends Meeting and former Baltimore Yearly Meeting Youth Secretary, was kidnapped in Iraq where he has been serving as a member of a Christian Peacemaker Team.

Tom's Langley Hill support committee invites you to join them in holding Tom, his colleagues, and their captors in the Light everyday at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Langley Hill, Hopewell Centre, and State College Meetings have also held or will hold special Meetings for Worship for this purpose. We encourage other Meetings to consider holding their own Meetings for Worship with a Concern for Tom, his colleagues, and their captors. I also urge you to hold Tom's young adult children, Andrew and Kassie, in your prayers.

Tom is especially well known among Young Friends; we know that news of his capture has deeply affected them. Even those who do not know Tom personally have been drawn into the heartfelt reactions of their friends who know Tom. We believe that Young Friends need special care at this time.

Members of Christian Peacemaker Teams in Iraq prepared a statement of conviction explaining their awareness of the risks they faced, their reasons for remaining in Iraq, and their request that no violence be used to secure their release in the event they were kidnapped. They wrote, "We need to help preserve what is human in all of us and so offer glimpses of hope in a dark time." In the face of danger, Tom and other CPT members have shown courage, hope, and faith. We can do no less.

I have known Tom for fifteen years and many memories of him have surfaced in the past few days. The memory that returns most often is of him laughing and having fun in the creek at Wilson College during Yearly Meeting, waist-deep in the water, playing with the children. I believe this image keeps coming to reassure me that, although Tom is waist-deep once again, he is still in the Living Water that preserves and carries all of us. And I believe that he feels our loving prayers.

In faith and hope,  
Lauri Perman  
Presiding Clerk