



# FORT MYERS MONTHLY MEETING

Of the Religious Society of Friends

## Meeting for Worship

Friends are meeting for hybrid worship every 1st day at 10:30 A.M. Friends may meet physically outdoors (weather permitting) under the roof of the Chickee on the Orange River in Buckingham. (aka Peace Acre). Friends who prefer to meet via Zoom instead may do so. Each Friday an invitation to Zoom worship is sent to our entire e-mail list, identifying the hyperlink and meeting number. People may join early either physically or via Zoom at 10:00 a.m. for conversation and fellowship.

## Midweek worship

Midweek worship, in person only, is held at the Chickee on Peace Acre each Wednesday morning at 10:30 a.m. For directions to Peace Acre, call 239-313-6201 or email:

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## SEYM Queries & Advices

### First Section:

*What is the state of our meetings for worship and business?*

### 3. Harmony Within the Meeting Community

#### Queries:

- Are love and unity maintained among us?
- When differences arise, do we settle them in a spirit of love and humility?
- Are we careful not to hold an idea too firmly, knowing that another may bring us closer to the truth?
- Are we patient and considerate towards those we find difficult to understand or like?
- Do we demonstrate a forgiving spirit?
- Do we have concern and respect for the reputation of others?
- When people are hurt, do we take care to hold them up with a tender heart?
- Do we respect that of God in each person, though it may be expressed in unfamiliar ways or may be difficult for us to discern?

## Advices:

- *Maintain love and unity by avoiding talebearing and detraction.*
- *Settle differences promptly, in a manner free from resentment.*
- *When we have a difference with another person, speak to them in private "in the love and wisdom that is gentle and pure."*
- *Be aware that verbal violence can be as destructive as physical violence.*
- *Be careful that our language does not incorporate violence, consciously or unconsciously.*
- *Listen patiently, and seek the truth another person's expressions may contain for us.*
- *Be willing to seek and willing to receive counsel and help from one another.*
- *In our daily lives, seek to know one another in the things that are eternal and to enter with ready empathy and sensitive discretion into the joys, sorrows, and needs of each other.*
- *Be mindful that everyone is included in the life and activities of the meeting.*



### **Fort Myers Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Minutes of 3rd Month 10, 2024**

The Fort Myers Monthly Meeting with Attention to Business met in hybrid format on the third month, tenth day, 2024, with 16 friends present.

Clerk Richard Frechette read from SEYM's Queries and Advices on Harmony Within the Meeting Community:

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- Do we demonstrate a forgiving spirit?
- When people are hurt, do we take care to hold them up with a tender heart?
- Do we respect that of God in each person, though it may be expressed in unfamiliar ways or may be difficult for us to discern?

Friends responded:

- I wonder if I'm missing something. In the whole meeting there isn't a soul here that's difficult to like. And that's reassuring.
- I think we try, and mostly, we succeed. Though when we disagree, some may be hard to appreciate. So we're still working on it. As Friend Larry Butler said to me when I was new to this Meeting, "Have you discovered yet that we aren't perfect?"

**Treasurer’s Report**

Treasurer Paul Davis reported that we have paid most of our budgeted bills for 2024. We will spend \$3,300 in July for the remainder of our pledge to SEYM and will renew our Zoom accounts for around \$650 later this Spring. Our General Fund will continue to increase throughout the year as our donations come in.

We will begin to see more expenses for the Meeting House as the sitework finishes up and the actual building begins. The Unitarians, in order to help us, gave us free storage space on their campus, so our storage fee has ceased. The Frechettes have already prepared the new storage spot and moved our belongings to it. The UUs also modified our agreement so that our land lease will not begin until we take occupancy in the new Meeting house instead of when we break ground. This could easily amount to over \$4,000 in budget savings depending on how long construction and occupancy approval take.

The Meeting House Fund does not reflect the \$60,000 anticipated from the Donna Anderton Trust, nor the \$4,000 handicap ramp pledge from the FGC. I anticipate that our General Fund will grow and the Meetinghouse Fund will shrink as we pay our expenses, but overall, I think we’re in really good shape.

**FMMM Funds Report 2/29/2024**

**General Funds**

Checking	6,708
Gen Fund Savings	38,357
Gen Fund Fr Fiduciary	32,736

**Total General Fund 77,801**

**Meeting House Funds**

Savings	466,004
MH Funds Fr Fiduciary	15,234

**Total Meeting House Funds 481,238**

**FMMM Total Funds 559,039**

<b>February 2024 Income vs Expenses</b>	
<b>February Income</b>	<b>\$ 4,510</b>
<b>February Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 7,223*</b>
* \$161 Storage,	
* \$300 Peace Teams, \$3,300 SEYM,	
\$300 Fair Housing, \$500 Quality	
Life, \$750 Mission Peniel, \$300	
Immok. Workers, \$200 Quaker Vol.	
Services	
* \$1412 Morris DePew	

## Ministry & Counsel Report

The Memorial Minute for Hugh Pettigrew was read by Clerk, Nancy Murvine:

*Hugh Pettigrew was born March 7, 1947, in Canton, Ohio. Hugh grew up inquisitive and outdoorsy. His mother taught him to notice details in the world around him - from the birds and plants to the neighbors in need - and to serve the world with his whole heart, all lessons he embodied throughout his life. Hugh was predeceased by his parents, William C. Pettigrew and Vivian L. Pettigrew of Canton, Ohio and sister Mary Plummer of Columbus, Ohio. He leaves behind Amy, his beloved wife of nearly 50 years, daughters Ann (Brian Nunes) of Cincinnati and Emily (Tom Martyn) of Boston, and four inquisitive granddaughters (Julienne, Evlin, Audrey and Alice).*

*Hugh received his MD from the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in 1973. Following medical school, Hugh volunteered on the Ship HOPE off the coast of Brazil. Upon his return to the U.S., Hugh and Amy, whom he had met while she was studying nursing at Vanderbilt, moved to Charlottesville, VA, where Hugh completed his internship at UVA hospital.*

*Always inspired by and deeply concerned for children, Hugh completed his residency in psychiatry at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center and fellowship in child psychiatry at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. He and Amy settled there for their long medical careers and to raise their family. An endlessly empathic physician, Hugh worked six long days a week and built a hugely impactful private practice, touching countless individuals and families across southern Ohio in his forty-year career. Beyond his private clients, for many years, he provided mental healthcare at residential treatment centers across the region. Being compassionate, he gave so much of himself to others and never sought praise for his works of mercy.*

*Having fallen in love with Brazilian culture in the early 1970s, Hugh dedicated much of his adult life to learning Portuguese and serving on medical missions throughout the Amazon. A great listener and a true empath, he embodied social justice, bringing medical skill and care to those in greatest need in his community and in travels around the world.*

*As a retiree in Florida, Hugh was a devoted grandfather. He and Amy travelled extensively, visiting all seven continents, but most often visiting with their granddaughters. He also dedicated himself to his Quaker faith, remaining active in a*


*weekly Zoom men's worship sharing through New York Yearly Meeting and attending the Fort Myers Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends. Hugh was appointed to the Peace and Social Concerns Committee in 2018 where he remained until his passing. He served as one of the liaisons with Misión Peniel, a faith-based organization that ministers to the physical needs of Immokalee workers and advocates for fundamental change in their living and working conditions. He was also a member of Ministry and Counsel, completing his term at the end of 2023. Fellow committee members will remember Hugh for his attentive listening and gentle, wise advice.*

*His life of service will be remembered through the betterment of those touched by his care.*

❖ **Minute 2024-MM-01:** Friends approved the above memorial minute for Hugh Pettigrew with minor editorial changes, which are reflected in the version above.

The meeting closed in silent worship.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Helen Fox  
Recording Clerk



Contributions to the Meeting can be made payable to Fort Myers Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, and can be sent to:  
FMMM,  
Denise Runyon  
125 Pinebrook Dr,  
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**FtMMM Friends enjoy conversation following potluck, First Sunday of March.**



**Query:**

How can we as a Meeting offer “potluck” and fellowship to those who are only able to attend worship through Zoom? This is a query members of Ministry and Counsel have been discerning. If you have some ideas, please contact Nancy Murvine, Clerk of M&C or one of the other members: Mara Fallon, Nancy Fennell, Helen Fox, Karin Gelotte, and Deb White.

## Misión Peniel Needs Our Help

Misión Peniel (face of God) is a mission connecting migrant farmworkers in Immokalee to local faith communities and resources. The purpose is to address the isolation, hunger and injustice facing farm workers by providing support to them through spiritual and material care. Fort Myers Monthly Meeting has supported the farmworkers in the past and PSC would like to renew our involvement.

March's list of needed items include: Shampoo, conditioner, body lotion, shave gel, bar soap, disposable razors, deodorant, toothpaste and brushes, nail clippers, hairbrushes and combs, hand towels, antibacterial hand soap, and socks.

Looking ahead to April/May: Baby blankets, Umbrellas, light rain jackets, and rain ponchos. Also needed at any time are donations of rice, beans, and non-perishable food.

There will a bin in the Peace Acre Chickee hut and Lynn Charlton will take the donations from the Meeting to the Mission in Immokalee.

To learn more about Misión Peniel, check out the website:

<https://www.misionpeniel.com>

*submitted by Lynn Charlton*

### Religious Education

Religious Education is sponsoring a series of worship sharing led by Denise Runyon the 4th First Day of February, March (24th) and April (28th). The topic is Pendle Hill Pamphlet #382: *Holding One Another in the Light* by Marcelle Martin. The first worship sharing was well attended and the sharing was a deepening and enriching experience. We look forward to further exploration of topics in this small but powerful pamphlet.

If this pamphlet has been meaningful to you, you may be interested in additional resources by Marcelle Martin on the following page..

## Additional resources for Worship Sharing March 24, 2024

### **A Culture of Faithfulness**

By Marcelle Martin, Pendle Hill Pamphlet #462 (April 2020)

### **A Guide to Faithfulness Groups**

By Marcelle Martin, 2019, 109 pages

### **Our Life is Love: The Quaker Spiritual Journey**

By Marcelle Martin, 2016, 240 pages

### **Invitation to a Deeper Communion**

By Marcelle Martin, Pendle Hill Pamphlet #366 (2003)

### **Healing (5-pamphlet set)**

By Elizabeth De Sa; Maureen Flannery; Mariellen Gilpin; Marcelle Martin; and Patience Schenck, Pendle Hill Pamphlets #363, #382, #383, #394, and #414

### **Prayer (3-pamphlet set)**

By Marcelle Martin; Janeal Ravndal; and Ron Rembert, Pendle Hill Pamphlets #380, #382, and #423

**Marcelle Martin**, author of *Our Life is Love: The Quaker Spiritual Journey*, and *A Guide to Faithfulness Groups*, has led workshops at retreat centers and Quaker meetings across the United States. She was the resident Quaker Studies teacher at Pendle Hill for four years and a core teacher for the 9-month program, "Nurturing Faithfulness." *A Culture of Faithfulness* (PHP #462) is her third Pendle Hill pamphlet. On her blog, A Whole Heart ([awholeheart.com](http://awholeheart.com)), she shares inspiration to help us be all God has created us to be. A member of Swarthmore Friends Meeting, she lives in Chester, PA with her husband, Terry.

#### **Meeting Directory Available**

A pdf file of the Ft. Myers Quaker Meeting Directory is available to our Meeting family. Ask Richard Frechette ([Rich.Frechette@gmail.com](mailto:Rich.Frechette@gmail.com)) to e-mail you a copy. Or, if you are unable to open up or print down a pdf file, ask Richard to make a paper copy for you.



## USEFUL WEBSITES FOR FRIENDS

<https://pendlehill.org> .....Pendle Hill, Quaker Retreat and Resource Center  
<http://seymquakers.org>.....Southeastern Yearly Meeting  
[www.fcni.org](http://www.fcni.org).....Friends Committee for National Legislation  
[www.fgcquaker.org](http://www.fgcquaker.org).....Friends General Conference  
[www.afsc.org](http://www.afsc.org).....American Friends Service Committee  
<http://fwcc.world> .....Friends World Committee on Consultation  
[www.quakerspeak.com](http://www.quakerspeak.com) .....QuakerSpeak: A Quaker YouTube Channel  
[www.quakerhouse.org](http://www.quakerhouse.org).....Quaker House, Fayetteville  
[www.quakervoluntaryservice.org](http://www.quakervoluntaryservice.org) .....Quaker Voluntary Service

<b>MEETING CALENDAR</b>		
<b>Each First Day</b>	Meeting for Worship in a hybrid format: in person at Peace Acre or via Zoom. An informal conversation time begins at 10:00 am.	10:30 a.m.
<b>First First Day of each month</b>	Potluck lunch at Peace Acre (Chickee Hut).	Upon rise of worship
<b>Each Wednesday</b>	Mid-week Meeting for Worship at Peace Acre. This is in person only.	10:30 a.m.
<b>3/17/24</b>	Singing before worship.	10:10 a.m.
<b>3/23/24</b>	Memorial for Hugh Pettigrew; Naples (See note below)	11:00 a.m.
<b>3/24/24</b>	Religious Education Worship Sharing: (session 2) <i>Holding One Another in the Light – Marcelle Martin PHP #382</i>	following worship
<b>3/27/24 - 3/31/24</b>	SEYM Gathering and Annual Sessions: Day Spring Conference Center, Parrish, Florida	1 p.m. 3/27 through 1 p.m. 3/31

Most of you have heard that Hugh Pettigrew passed away a few weeks ago. We will be sponsoring a Quaker-style memorial Meeting for Hugh on Saturday March 23 at 11AM at the Clubhouse of the Saturnia Lakes HOA (the complex where Hugh lived), 1310 Saturnia Grande Dr, Naples. We expect that there will quite a few family and friends attending. We can attend in person or via Zoom. The Zoom link will be provided in the week prior to the memorial. Prior to that day we will need to provide a list of names of Friends from our Meeting who will be attending the memorial in person, so that that gatehouse will have the list. If you intend to come in-person, please notify Richard Frechette (239-313-6201; [Rich.Frechette@gmail.com](mailto:Rich.Frechette@gmail.com)). Also, let Richard know if you live in the Fort Myers area and would like to car pool there.

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