



*Nothing is separate, our loneliness is an illusion.
We share the pains and the confusions,
The joys and peaceful days of all our many, varied selves.*

*And thus throughout our lives,
Throughout our civilizations, we have stamped
The stain of self and judgment,
Even on the ones we love the most— and they inevitably pass it on.*

*Thus we have armed ourselves and others
Against the enemies of ego.*

*How to disarm ourselves?
Again its simple, but perversely hard:
To understand what's happening and to remain awake against
The sleep of self and custom.*

*Then shall the weapons of destruction fall
Unnoticed from our mental hands,
And the grace of individual lives
Merge within the glory of the All.*

Adam Curle 2005

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Editorial

It is with great sadness that we learned that Adam Curle, a much loved Friend, Teacher, Mentor, Poet, Quaker Mediator, Peacebuilder and the Foundation Professor of Peace Studies at Bradford University, died recently after suffering from a virulent leukaemia. Adam turned 90 on July 4th this year, and was writing another book—this one focused on collective consciousness and violence. He will be missed terribly by Friends all over the world. Refugees from Bosnia made great efforts to locate Quakers on arrival in Australia in the 90’s due to the influence of Adam Curle, speaking of the personal meetings they had with him in addressing the violence and hatred there.

Now to our Section: Queries have been sent to the Section Committee and FWCC representatives as to their vision for AWPS in the next 2 years (ie up to and including Bhopal) and for 5 years. Proverbs 29: 18 reads, *Where there is no vision, the people perish*. If we do not articulate where we want to go, it is certain we won’t get there. Moreover, we ask for feedback on “Are we meeting the expectations of Friends in the Section, partially or satisfactorily?”

Valerie Joy

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Friends at the 2006 GCFI Annual Meeting at Friends Rural Centre,
Mid India, (Kamala Kanswar, bottom right)

India Friends Working Group– Philadelphia Yearly Meeting

This group has established a website:
http://www.pym.org/pym_wgs/india_wg.php in preparation for a work camp being planned for 2007 or 2008. Currently the group is seeking proposals for and an orientation for the workcamp and raising funds. Vivi Hawkins, who has traveled extensively in India previously, arrived in India in November 2006, to make and renew contacts and seek discernment on the way forward. Please look at this site and perhaps register as an interested Friend.

Archana Gour, recently returned to Mid India from a year’s study at Pendle Hill will assist and support Vivi.

Plans for the next Section Gathering, to be held in Bhopal, India

Following the memorable Section Gathering held in Seoul, Republic of Korea, in November 2005, there are plans afoot for the next Gathering to be held in Bhopal, India, in November 2008. Our hosts will be Bhopal Yearly Meeting. It is hoped that many Friends from the Section will take the opportunity to visit Friends in India and help make this Gathering a meaningful meeting of Friends from the diverse countries and traditions in our Section.

Accommodation and travel costs are expected to be lower than in Seoul, and Friends will be asked to see more of India than just visiting Bhopal. All participants will be required to apply for a tourist visa. Indian Friends are planning to draw up a list of places of interest to visitors, and we will try to provide information to help Friends decide on their itineraries.

The Central Executive Committee of FWCC has under consideration the proposal to hold its meetings in each of the four Sections in turn, at the time of the Section Gatherings. It is also intended to help meet the requirements of governance in a situation where Triennials may be replaced by five-yearly meetings. This will give its members firsthand experience of interacting and worshipping with Friends from other parts of the world, instead of always meeting in UK. The first of such combined meetings may coincide with the Section Gathering in Bhopal. So this can be an opportunity, not only for CEC members to meet Indian Friends, but also for Section members to spend time with the CEC members.

Topsy Evans, Treasurer, AWPS

Financial Progress !

At the Business Meeting in Seoul last November, it was regretfully decided that the Section's finances would not allow the payment of the full honorarium to the Secretary. In response, Friends have donated more than usual, and the Committee has now decided that we CAN pay the full amount to our hardworking Secretary, Kenneth Co in Hong Kong. Thank you all!

Many of these donations were made in response to meeting and hearing from Dilawar Chetsingh, our Clerk, during his time with Australian Friends last January. After meeting Dilawar, Australia Yearly Meeting decided to issue an annual invitation to enable a Friend from our Section to attend Australia Yearly Meeting. This will be in addition to the long-standing reciprocal arrangement between Friends from Aotearoa/New Zealand and Australia, through which they both send representatives to each other's Yearly Meeting. It is hoped that these visits will build bridges between Friends in the Section, and increase our knowledge of each other and our beliefs and practice.

The Friend invited to attend the next Yearly Meeting in January 2007 is Joon Park from Seoul, and Australian Friends look forward to hearing from him about Quakerism in South Korea.

The Quaker United Nations Offices, by Topsy Evans

As reported previously, two Friends from our Section are members of the Committees for the QUNOs, one in Geneva (Topsy Evans) and one in New York (Linley Gregory). In October this year, Linley was asked to be the QUNO NY representative to the QUNO Geneva Committee, so the Section was well represented. She was able to attend the Geneva meeting on the way to the New York meeting a week later, so saving not only money, but also the environmental effect of long distance air travel. At this recent meeting, the Geneva Committee received a review of the Disarmament and Peace Programme, headed by David Atwood, who is also the Director of

The GCFI Annual Meeting was held from 8-10th September, 2006 at Friends Rural Centre in Central India. This year we were glad to have among us three children, a few Friends from Mid India and Bhopal YMs and a visitor from Australia

Considering the theme for the Dublin Triennial, 'finding the prophetic voice for our time', some thoughts we found helpful are:

- Love must pervade all we say
- Question ourselves to see that we are on the right lines
- How are we using our gifts for proclaiming God's message
- Prepare the next generation for the next generation

We went into the peace movement and the relevance of Gandhi in today's India- where do we go now? And faced the issue of terrorism and the relevance of Quaker testimony and peace education in this context.

A guest speaker gave us a clear analysis of Christianity in a multi-religious environment in India. Conversion and evangelism have become issues. Exclusivist and inclusivist attitudes were discussed and the speaker suggested a 'salad bowl' approach where religions co-exist and try to find links with each other. Will Christianity rise to the challenge and be a creative minority? We were glad to welcome back Archana Gour, who spent 3 terms at Pendle Hill, and hear about her experiences with Friends in the USA. Anuj Hamilton gave us an enthusiastic account of the QUNO Summer School he attended. Dilawar Chetsingh reported on Australia and Britain Yearly Meetings 2006. We reflected on the Section Gathering in Seoul and the way ahead. Feeling encouraged and renewed by our fellowship, worship and sessions, we dispersed, knowing that we are not alone. *Bhaskar Sonkamble,*
Clerk GCFI

the present economic situation (largely due to international sanctions against Palestine) is having its negative effect, especially on the schools, as pupils' parents are unable to pay school fees because their salaries have been stopped, or worse, they are out of work.

At the Sabeel (*The Way*) Conference where 500 participants from 30 countries attended, Franco reports there was a feeling that is the ultimate dream for an end to Israeli occupation and the establishment of a viable independent Palestine. For this to happen, present repressive measures, confiscation of Palestinian land to enlarge Israeli settlements, the segregation wall, causing the fragmentation of the West Bank and creating unbearable economic hardship, are eroding the possibility of a two state solution to the conflict. Appeals were made to Palestinian Christians to remain in the land, joining hands with Muslim believers, to strengthen their prophetic voice for justice, peace and reconciliation.

*If I were a bird and able to fly afar
I would like to be a white dove
To guide the people to freedom.*

*If I were a cloud in the sky,
I would shelter and bring rains to the rice field.*

*If I were a grain of sand
I would throw myself down to make a path for the people.
I will sacrifice my life for the suffering people.
No matter how many times I would have to die.*

Nid, Thailand

Nid, aged 22 years was a university student who read this poem at a peace demonstration. Shortly afterwards, she was gunned down and killed

QUNO Geneva. In the present international climate, this is hard work! David does a lot of work in conjunction with a coalition that he helped to found– the Geneva Forum.

The following describes this group, and is found on its website - www.geneva-forum.org The Geneva Forum is a unique consortium of nongovernmental organisations, a United Nations body and an academic institution:

[The Quaker United Nations Office \(QUNO\)](#) has been at work in Geneva since 1948. Through its seminars, encounters, active presence where possible in negotiations, and links both to the diplomatic and international organization community and to a whole range of international networks, QUNO is ideally placed to provide a critical non-governmental element in the Geneva Forum "triad".

[The United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research \(UNIDIR\)](#), an inter-governmental organization within the United Nations, conducts research on disarmament and security. Working with researchers, diplomats, officials and non-governmental organizations, UNIDIR acts as a bridge between the research community and governments and promotes informed debate within U.N. structures.

[The Programme for Strategic and International Security Studies \(PSIS\)](#) has operated as a policy-relevant academic research programme at the Graduate Institute of International Studies for more than twenty years, and has a long record of successfully organising activities that bring together scholars, activists and practitioners.

Each of the Geneva Forum partner organisations is active in policy-relevant research on issues of concern to the international security community in Geneva. Also, they have all catalysed contacts between governmental and non-governmental representatives, or between Northern and Southern policy-makers, researchers and activists, through a variety of past and ongoing activities. Leading individuals within each organisation have access to extensive and complementary international networks within academic, policy-making, and advocacy circles.

Pastoral Centre in Bhopal reserved from 6-12 Nov, 08

Our Clerk Dilawar Chetsingh and some Friends from Bhopal Yearly Meeting had visited this Centre and found it very suitable for the holding of the next Section Gathering. Following this we have heard from Bhopal Friends as follows:

“Loving greetings from Bhopal Friends. We have reserved the Pastoral Centre for the Gathering of the AWPS to be held at Bhopal: 30 rooms, 1 conference hall, 1 seminar hall and a computer room, having a minimum of 2 computer facilities have been reserved. We also requested reservation of a few rooms before and after the Gathering for officials to hold meeting for preparation and follow up work”.

Arvind Iliazer (Secretary) Ronald Titus (Foreign Correspondent) and Sunny Singh (President).

In addition to Section Business, the Central Executive Committee will also hold their annual meeting, either before or after the Gathering.

The Theme for the Section Gathering in Bhopal

We have received two suggestions so far, both from the Bible. Jaime Tabingo suggests II Timothy, 2:15 “*Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who has no need to be ashamed*” Revised Standard Version.

Patricia Macgregor has forwarded her thoughts based on Luke 11:33 “*No one after lighting a lamp puts it in a cellar or under a bushel, but on a stand, that those who enter, may see the light*”. RSV

George Fox also said “*Let your life speak*”. Let us pray over these ideas which have a similarity– that the message that Quakers carry, have the seeds for hope and peace. See also Elizabeth Duke’s reprinted talk (Seoul 2005) “*Called to Hope*” pp 11-15.

The deadline for other suggestions is February 2007. After this we will call for papers to be submitted on the agreed theme, to be compiled into a study booklet.

When I read these texts myself, I use the phrase “the eternal One”.

So how shall we name the power which gives us hope? Learning from our Quaker ancestors and from the faith which they shared, I say that, in a splendidly mysterious way, we and our world depend on eternal truth, creativity, goodness and tenderness, that there is a pulse of love at the heart of the universe.

We try to build peace and to live our Friends’ testimonies of integrity, simplicity and equality, because we cannot do otherwise, because we are given life and power by that pulse of love. Paul wrote, “The love of Christ compels us” (2 *Corinthians* 5: 14). Whether we work for economic justice worldwide, or resolve a quarrel between small children, we know from experience that goodness and peace are possible. If we live as Friends, we are called to hope.

Elizabeth Duke

Aotearoa New Zealand Yearly Meeting.

People Building Bridges in Israel and Palestine

Franco Perna of EMES (Europe and Middle East Section) reports that the Tent of Nations project is struggling to resist Israeli settlers’ attempts to take over land totaling over 100 hectares. Meantime the project is keeping busy planting more and more trees, organizing women training schemes, work-study camps, festivals, youth exchange visits, arts workshops and educational lectures. This involves volunteers from around the world, or locally, who serve for a few days or months. The 2007 draft program is now available: www.tentofnations.org

Franco also reports that the few Lebanese Quakers in Brummana High School are doing well, despite the setback of having to cancel their Yearly meeting, because of the Israeli bombing.

The Ama’ry Children’s Play Scheme, the Friends International Centre and the Friends Schools in Ramallah are busy and lively, but

We are not called to bear guilt for the past. We are called to take responsibility now. We are called to hope. What is the source and spring of our hope? How shall we name it?

Our spiritual ancestors, from George Fox and Elizabeth Hooton through many generations of Friends, believed that they were called to live and act “in that life and power” which Jesus had shared with his friends. They believed that they were stripping away centuries in which the church had conformed to the world. They trusted that they were returning to a simple direct relationship as children of God.

Again and again George Fox told his friends that “the power of the Lord is over all”. How shall we name that power? The writer of *Psalms* 121 says, “My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth” (121: 2). For this to be true for us, we do not need to take literally the two stories in *Genesis* of the beginning of the universe. They are pictures, ways in which our human minds can grasp ultimate truths. In chapter 1 of *Genesis* everything comes into being through the word of God, and when it is complete “God saw everything that God had made, and indeed it was very good” (1: 31). This image tells us that the universe reflects infinite creativity and goodness. In chapter 2 creation is pictured on the model of human creativity. God moulds the human like a work of art, and God plants a garden as the human’s place. The truth here for me is that we are a work of art, a thing of beauty, and that our world is a good place for us to be.

George Fox uses the language of the Bible he knows when he speaks of “the Lord”. Many Bible translations write that word LORD in capitals. It doesn’t actually translate a word meaning “Lord”; it stands for the four Hebrew consonants which represent the name of God. Out of reverence, Jews will not pronounce that name, and I will not try to pronounce it either. Readers of the Hebrew text replace the name by “Adonai”, “my Lord”. The original four consonants of the name seem to relate to a Hebrew verb which, in different forms, means both “to be” and “to become”. So I believe that this name carries a religious truth, that the ultimate truth and reality of the universe “IS” eternally, and “BECOMES”, is responsive and creative.

Visions for AWPS:

To carry forward the Seoul Gathering Theme: *Seek to understand conflict and oppression situations and uphold Friends involved in trying to assist in reducing tensions, and in promoting peace, social justice and understanding.* This can be done on a personal level or through your Meeting, Church or group.

- * We need to focus on a deeper interaction in respect of the ‘flavors’ of Quakerism– understanding Christocentric and Universalist alike.
- * Inreach/Outreach– We need to increase our contacts with new Friends churches and groups in the Philippines, Indonesia and Nepal and then enter into dialogue which may/may not lead to their joining FWCC. We also need to outreach within our own countries. Strengthen our focus on faithfulness, prayer and worship in our personal and corporate lives.
- * Try to follow the Aims and Purpose of FWCC (also the AWPS aims) in our Yearly Meetings, Monthly Meetings and in our own lives.
- * Intervisitation– do whatever we can to encourage and support this, recognizing its added relevance in our far-flung and varied Section.
- * Young Friends– address this age group and involve them more in the life of our YMs and Section. Recognise that for several groups this is vital (eg Japan YM). Without younger Friends feeling that they are stakeholders in our Meetings and in the Section– we face a bleak future. It is our responsibility to help set this right.
- * Finances-strengthen Section finances to enable more visions to become reality. Assist in fundraising.

Please add your comments to the visions on this and the following page- for March 2007, AWPS Newsletter

2 Year Vision

These are considered capable of being actioned in the next 2 years.

* **Young Friends**

- i) An AWPS Young Friends event by the end of 2008.
- ii) Include YFs among FWCC representatives (as Bhopal, Chhatarpur, GCFI and Australia YMs did at Seoul).
- iii) Locate suitable voluntary Young Friends to work with and assist the Secretaries, Treasurer and clerk- one Young Friend each, who need not be from the same country, but who must be on email. They would learn, give a youth perspective and also assist.

* **Fundraising:** Implementation of some of the suggestions—see Minute 12, Seoul Gathering. Ask the Fundraising Committee to bring forward their suggestions and to assist them in implementation.

* **Bhopal theme:** Once selected, to prepare ourselves in advance, through development of study materials for use at Bhopal and in our home Meetings/Churches.

* Aim at more **consultation** with and **feedback** from the Section Committee as well as the FWCC representatives.

* **Publicity and Communication:** more publicity about FWCC/AWPS within AWPS and YMs/MMs.

* Further development of the Section **website**.

Another Friend wrote “*My long term vision (5 years) for AWPS is for a Section in which Friends know one another well enough to have a deeply personal acceptance of and respect for our differences, which enables us to bring peace to our part of the world.*”

In the shorter term (2 years), I see a Section in which Friends are encouraged and enabled to visit each other more frequently. I see a system of reciprocal visits to our Gatherings and Yearly Meetings, accepting that we don't always do things the same way”.

Those of us who have suffered from injustice also have a calling. Our Friend Susumu Ishitani was a boy of 13 in Nagasaki when the bomb fell. He reflects: For me, my A-bomb experience seems to me to be something given to me from which I am expected to draw meaning and power to live in such a way as to be an instrument of God or to show the glory of God. I do not think I have found all of the meaning or power that is expected for me to draw out of my experience yet. It must be an endless or bottomless source to draw living water for me to look back or return, in order to refresh my awareness that I live in the hand of God while being on the edge of the division of life and death. (*Looking for Meanings of my A-bomb Experience in Nagasaki*, Backhouse Lecture 1986, p.15)

We are all called to be responsible for what happens now, in our day - you and I, young and old, ancient peoples and new settlers. God trusts us to be responsible. Especially those of us who enjoy privileges based on the injustices of the past - we are called to live in a way which helps to right these wrongs.

In August 2001 thirteen Friends represented us all at the World Conference Against Racism in Durban, South Africa. They came from all Sections of FWCC. Some were members of indigenous peoples, some represented Friends' bodies which are working towards recompense and healing for past wrongs. There was no one language. Very few of them had met one another before they gathered in Durban after tiring and sometimes difficult travel.

Together these Friends worshipped, introducing their different traditions. They agreed which of the many meetings gave an opportunity for Friends' witness and decided who should attend which event. At the end of each long day they met together to share their impressions, and together they wrote a profound message from the Conference, which calls us all to take our part in healing the wrongs of racism. These thirteen Friends were a microcosm of the whole body of Friends worldwide. They came together from many different contexts and cultures. And built a unity, which is a model of hope for us all.

Bengal share the same river system and coastal sandbanks. How can the world meet the needs of perhaps millions of desperate migrants, without violent conflict?

When I phrase the question in this way, there seems to be nothing that one person can do. But of course there are things which I can do. I can help to reduce climate change by using less electricity and fossil fuel. I can encourage public transport in my neighbourhood. As a citizen I can vote for parties and candidates who have good environmental practices. We learnt at our Yearly Meeting this year that when our Government invests money such as pension funds, it pays little attention to anything except the financial returns. We can work with other citizens to change these decisions. I can welcome newcomers to my country who cannot make a living at home because of climate change, and I can help to create a feeling of welcome for immigrants, rather than suspicion.

Ham Sok Hon, the teacher and guide of Korean Friends and many others says “Discover for yourself work to do and carry out the work staking your whole being on it - then the work is rightly your mission” (*Queen of Suffering* ch. XI p.180). The work might be to care for my neighbour next door, or my neighbour in Bangladesh; it is all part of the whole, finding our place in God’s new creation.

As I prepare this talk in New Zealand, I am planning to visit Friends in Japan, where Yukiko Backes has offered to take me on a visit to Hiroshima. The dropping of those two bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki was a terrible crime, one of the many crimes which we humans have committed. The people of North and South Korea are not to be blamed for the continuing conflict which has torn apart families and friends for so many years.

I believe that we are called not to guilt but to responsibility.

But if we are privileged because of those past crimes, if we have, without willing it, profited from injustice, then we are called to work to set things right.

Seoul and Canberra ‘sisters’

Seoul Monthly Meeting has welcomed a sister relationship between Canberra and Seoul Meetings.

Seoul Friend and Clerk Oh Cheol Kim writes: “*We are so pleased to have a sister Meeting relationship with Canberra Meeting. We Seoul Friends shared our sense of meeting regarding this sisterhood relationship in June 2006.*”

During the Asia West Pacific Section Gathering in 2005, we shared the same belief as Friends, even though we are living in different geographical areas and cultures.

We would keep more contact with you and visit you when traveling in your homeland. We appreciate our sister Meeting relationship with your Meeting”.

(From Canberra Quakers Newsletter, November 2006.)

Canberra and Seoul will exchange newsletters and information to stay in touch.

QUNO– NY by Linley Gregory

Robert Callard has been appointed to the position of Quaker UN Representative and Director of QUNO. Rob comes to QUNO with an impressive background in the field of international affairs and multilateralism as well as substantial management experience. Over the course of a 27 year career in the USA Foreign Service he has served at four overseas posts and numerous domestic assignments.

Rob has been a member of the Religious Society of Friends since age 19. He is a member of Friends Meeting of Charleston, West Virginia, USA has served as Clerk and Elder in numerous meetings within the US and abroad. He is eager to connect his lifelong love of the United Nations and his Quaker faith in service at QUNO. He began his work with QUNO on November 1. One of Rob's postings was to Wellington, Aotearoa in the early 1990s. There he served as an elder of the Meeting.

News of Friends:

Zig Dermer has moved from the USA to Vietnam. Margaret Fraser, Secretary of The Americas Section has introduced him as being very helpful, being involved in financial management of that Section. We welcome him and his partner into the orbit of AWPS. Zig's address is 31/29 Biet thu, Nha Trang, Khahn Hoaq Province, Vietnam. His email is zigdermer33@yahoo.com

Abi Gulo from the Bekasi church outside Jakarta reports on the first year in the life of that Meeting. They commenced meeting in September 2005 with 30 members and 40 attenders. Following the earthquake in Yogyakarta, volunteers from the church have worked there to assist victims. A sports club was established this year to outreach young people. Robert Howell has visited the church and Bekasi community, where he shared stories and participated in a theological seminar.

Kenneth Co led a workshop at Woodbrooke on "Similar Testimonies—Different Witness".

Kamala Kanswar died in a tragic accident. She had come to Hoshangabad to attend the Nominations Committee meeting of Friends Rural Centre. She was laid to rest in the Quaker graveyard in Hoshangabad, with relatives and Friends from 3 Indian Yearly Meetings present. Kamala was formerly Clerk of GCFI and a much valued member. She was a corresponding member of the International Membership Committee of FWCC. She attended the AWPS Gathering at Bhopal in 2002, and several previous Gatherings. She was a truly religious person and a fine human being.

Julian Stargardt writes of his concern that Friends should attend to titled "Managing Change". Friends have a unique role to play. We are called to have a Testimony on managing change.

Aletia Dundas an Australian Young Friend, has been appointed for the coming year at QUNO as David Attwood's Program Assistant. Aletia has a website: www.aletialivingadventurously.blogspot.com
Check out the details of this work being done at QUNO.

CALLED TO HOPE

FWCC Asia - West Pacific Section Seoul, November 2005

Dear Friends, e hoa ma, tena koutou, tena koutou, tena tatou katoa. This greeting, in the Maori language of my country, means, "There you are, there you are, there we all are". To me it has a further meaning: "I recognise and delight in the presence of God in you and among us all."

One way in which we build peace and live our Friends' testimony in the world is through the work of the Quaker United Nations Office and other Friends concerned with international affairs. It was a great privilege, whilst an FWCC staffer, to meet regularly with the Friends who do this work in our name. Friends do not have economic power, or large voting blocks in important elections. We do have a history of trustworthiness in international affairs. People believe that our representatives are not self-interested or deceitful. Their calling is to open doors, to assist international processes to develop towards peace, human rights and economic and social justice.

What I have learnt from this work is that it is indeed possible to make changes for the better - to assist peace negotiations, to promote an international agreement against the use of child soldiers, to protect traditional plants against foreign patents. I have learned hope. I believe that each of us in our own place can build peace and live our Friends' testimony. As Jesus said, "Whoever is faithful in a very little, is faithful also in much" (*Luke 16:10*)

Let us consider our region, in particular the South Pacific. Think of the ten thousand people of Tuvalu, whose islands are gradually disappearing as the sea level rises, because of climate change. If their country finally vanishes, it is likely that they will be accepted in New Zealand, where over a thousand Tuvaluans have already settled. But they lose their home, the graves of their ancestors, the land and the coasts which are their identity. If the sea level rises in Tuvalu, it will also rise in Bangladesh. Already when the rivers flood, a vast area of the country is under water. Combine that with a higher sea level, and where can those many people go? Their Indian neighbours in West