



## Search Begins for New Coordinator

At the called meeting of Concord Quarter on June 10, the decision was made to hire a coordinator on our own as opposed to sharing one with Western Quarter. A search committee has been appointed and advertising has begun. The position will be 20 hours a week, down from the 30 hours of the current coordinator due to the withdrawal of funding from our Yearly Meeting. The Planning Committee developed a job description which was approved at our April sessions. Of necessity some of the things the current coordinator has been doing will need to be taken up by volunteers.

Beth Lawn is officially retiring as of June 30. She has offered to work up to ten hours a week until a

new person is found, helping with the picnic and tubing event and Quarterly Meeting sessions in July, keeping up with communications, and serving on the search committee. Communications for the Quarter can still be sent to Beth at the usual e-mail address and phone number through July and August, or until a new coordinator is hired.

Minutes from the April Quarterly Meeting and the June Called Session can be found on pp. 7-10.

Persons interested in applying for the new position should send an e-mail to concordqmsearch@gmail.com. See back cover for more information.

## Quakers in Africa at July 22 Quarterly Meeting

At Concord Meeting on July, 22, Brenda Walker Beadenkopf will present a power point talk of her trip to Kenya in April for the Friends World Committee for Consultation World Conference as a delegate from Philadelphia. On April 11, Brenda left Philadelphia for Nairobi and spent about a week on a tour of Western Kenya, Tuloi Yearly Meeting, and the Kaimosi Friends Complex while staying with a Kenyan family.

After the World Conference, April 17 through 25, Brenda spent about a week with an urban family in Nairobi before heading back to Philadelphia. Brenda will tell of the Conference, its plenary speakers and workshops, the two day-long safaris she was privileged to take, and the deep friendships she made. She will tell some of the history, politics, culture and problems facing Kenya today and some of

the humorous incidents that brightened the trip.

Please see the flyer on p. 5 for the schedule, and a picture of Brenda at the Nairobi at Kariobangi Friends Church, in the center of the First Day School students and teachers. She is wearing a white scarf, typical of African Quaker women in Church. Brenda says the same morning the picture was taken a grenade was tossed into a nearby church in Nairobi, killing one and injuring 16. The Taliban claimed credit. She felt grateful that many people were holding her in the Light, as she had quite a few close calls such as this.

Brenda's presentation will give us a glimpse into a world most of us will never see, yet is constantly with us in our ever-shrinking world culture.

## Walking With Nathaniel



Denis on the Camino de Santiago in Spain

From April 24 to June 7, 2012 Denis Asselin, a member of Westtown Monthly Meeting, made a pilgrimage by foot from his front door in Cheyney, PA to Boston, MA, home of the International OCD Foundation to honor his son, Nathaniel, who took his own life last year after a valiant 13-year struggle with Body Dysmorphic Disorder. This devastating illness robbed the world of a magnificent human being; Nathaniel was fiercely intelligent, unfailingly kind, and universally loved. He could make other people laugh like no one else. Stops on Denis's 552-mile pilgrimage included hospitals, clinics, doctors' offices, and treatment facilities that were part of Nathaniel's journey in life, as well as places of joy such as The Bryn Mawr Birth Center, Goshen Friends School, The Shipley School, Westtown School (where Nathaniel was a student, teacher and coach), and the Good Fellowship Ambulance and EMS unit where he often volunteered.

The idea of the pilgrimage took root last year, when Denis and his wife, Judy, accompanied their daughter Carrie as she walked the ancient pilgrimage route in Spain, the Camino de Santiago, her final "May Term" course at Earlham College. The act of walking proved to be a helpful way to begin to process their enormous grief. While in Spain, Denis caught "Camino Fever" and developed symptoms back home—the irresistible urge to walk. During these local peregrinations the "Walking with Nathaniel" project was born.

The main objectives of the Walking With Nathaniel pilgrimage were to spread awareness about BDD and to raise money for research into its causes and for the development of more effective treatment.

To date over \$20,000 has been raised for the OCD Foundation, and still counting. Denis blogged throughout his journey on his website [www.walkingwithnathaniel.org](http://www.walkingwithnathaniel.org), which also includes more information about BDD, the pilgrimage itself, national press coverage for the walk, and donation information. Denis crossed the finish line in Boston on June 7<sup>th</sup> encouraged by the cheers of more than 175 people who attended the rally, listened to his final speech, and acknowledged his incredible and inspiring endeavor.

### *Addendum*

To show support for the family and honor Nathaniel's memory, Westtown Meeting launched a 1,000 cranes effort. The cranes were presented to the Nicolson-Asselin family as a surprise for Denis after meeting for worship on June 17. Everyone in the meeting, family by family, walked to the front of the meeting and presented a crane to Denis and Judy, spoke to them and sometimes to the meeting as a whole, and hugged them both before sitting down again. Denis and Judy certainly knew that they were loved. They learned that more than 100 individuals (middle schoolers with whom Nathaniel worked, high schoolers who knew Judy, parents, alumni, and meeting members and attenders) worked on the cranes. Worship and Ministry saw the effort proceed so well that we plan to use the concept to have the school, meeting members, and committee members propose other ways meeting members and students can collaborate.

*Ginny Sutton, Westtown Meeting*



Crossing the finish line in Boston

## Solar Power for Your Home or Meeting

As you know, Alan and I have a concern for the environment. A decade ago we put solar panels on our roof as part of that concern. We have effectively saved money and energy by doing so.

I am writing to encourage you to consider doing the same! There has never been a better time to install solar electric power or a solar water heater. One of the men who installed our system, Anil Babooram, is still doing installations. We couldn't recommend him more highly. Anil graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and has many years of installation experience.

There are two current choices. The first is simple- you can buy a solar system. In this case you can pay up front. A 5Kw system currently costs around \$20,000. Keep in mind that can get a 30% tax credit which will give you \$6000 back. Right now there is also still a state rebate which gives .75 cents per watt of the system size - which is about \$3750.00. If you would prefer to borrow money to purchase the system, you can do so at a bank that Anil has an agreement with for \$60/month above the loan amount. The rebates and tax credits still apply and help cover this

interest payment.

The second choice is a power purchase agreement. This is where for almost no up-front cost, the system is installed by a solar energy company, but they own it. They sell you the power it produces. The rate will be lower than what the utility charges. The solar power company assumes responsibility for maintenance. If you move, you pass the system on to the new owner. If the new owner doesn't want the system, the company will remove it.

If you are interested in any of these options, please contact Anil Babooram. His email is [anil at sumintra.com](mailto:anil@sumintra.com) and his phone numbers are [267-241-7975](tel:267-241-7975) and [215-382-2345](tel:215-382-2345). His website is [www.sumintra.com](http://www.sumintra.com)

Anil can tell you what your house or land can generate for your use. We can all be part of a new clean energy economy. Please share this information with interested friends.

Sincerely,

Paula Kline and Alan Wright



## Coordinator's Report

The last several months have been very busy with many meetings, programs at quarterly meetings, and a called meeting to discern way forward with the change in our coordinator program necessitated by loss of funding from Yearly Meeting. We have taken our time and heard all voices and made a sound decision that will carry us forward in a manner that honors both our time and financial resources. A sub group of the Planning Committee has begun a search for a 20 hour/week coordinator who will help facilitate connections among the monthly meetings, and between the monthly meetings and the Quarterly Meeting. Community building programs will continue, but of necessity, some work formerly done by the co-

ordinator will have to be taken up by volunteers. Our Quarter has grown stronger over the past years, and will continue to do so with the help of all its members.

With the new fiscal year July 1, we welcome a new treasurer, Bruce James, and a new assistant clerk, Bruce Harrison, both from Westtown Meeting. Rich Ailes and John Lavin will continue as clerk and recording clerk. I will be ending my official work as your coordinator, and as an employee of PYM, on June 30. My position and those of the four other quarterly meeting coordinators on the PYM payroll have been laid down as of that date. I will continue

## Circling Concord Quarter

### *Fall Worship and PA Women's History Program at Chichester*

Concord Meeting invites all to our annual fall worship at Chichester Meetinghouse on September 16 at 11:15 a.m. Refreshments will follow.

The Pennsylvania Women's History Project is doing a program at Chichester on 8/26/2012 at 2 pm entitled, "A Woman's Work Is Never Done." There will be an exhibit in the meetinghouse of an apron collection, old irons, utensils and items used by women in the 19th and 20th centuries. We will have refreshments and request that a small donation be made for the Graceanna Lewis (Quaker abolitionist and scientist) historical marker to be dedicated in 2013 in Kimberton, PA. Contact Robyn Young for directions to Chichester, 610.453.4075, or herashouse at yahoo.com.

Also of note, Robyn Young, caretaker at Chichester, was featured in Town Talk's Profile of the Week on May 16. Go to our website , [www.pym.org/concord-quarterly-meeting](http://www.pym.org/concord-quarterly-meeting) for a link to the article.

### *Birmingham Meeting Suspends Mid-Week Worship*

It is with regret that Birmingham Meeting announces the suspension of its mid-week meeting for worship until further notice.

### *Chicken Barbecue at Birmingham*

Birmingham Meeting invites all to its annual Chicken Barbecue on Saturday, August 4 from 4-7 p.m. Enjoy bluegrass music; barbecue chicken and vegetarian entrees; local summer vegetables, drinks, desserts. Take out available. \$12 for adults in advance, \$13 at door, \$6 children under 12. Contact Debra Sparre 610.696.4117 or debra at [sparre.us](http://sparre.us) for tickets. Proceeds benefit charity.

### *Westtown Lake Suppers*

Westtown Monthly Meeting invites Friends/friends to our weekly summer time Lake Suppers every summer Wednesday! We begin the meal at 6:30 on the southern shores of the lake at Westtown School. Please bring plates, utensils, and a food item to share. Drinks and grilled items provided by hosts from Westtown Monthly Meeting. Sometimes we play music after dinner, canoe on the lake, bird and turtle watch, and always have wonderful conversations and fellowship. First Lake Supper will be Wednesday, June 20.

### *Hickman Events*

Wednesday evening Summer Concert Series continues with the Voice of Africa July 18, 2012 6:30 PM, and The Barbone Street Jazz Band on August 15, 2012, also 6:30 PM.

Next Artist Illumination Night is Friday, October 5 at 6:30 PM; meet the artist and enjoy refreshments. The art will be on display throughout the month of October.

The Art of Caring, our annual fundraiser, will take place Oct. 12, 6:30 PM. Enjoy delicious local food and fine beverages. Featured will be a live auction of 12 Artist's Choice Furniture Pieces painted by renown regional artists. Over 50 other auction items will be available as well. For more information go to <http://www.thehickman.org/art.php>, or you may contact Pam Costanzi, 484.760.6416, [pcostanzi@thehickman.org](mailto:pcostanzi@thehickman.org) for more information or to purchase tickets.

# Concord Quarterly Meeting

## July 22, 2012

at

## Concord Monthly Meeting

**8:15-8:30**            **Sign-in**  
**8:30-9:45**           **Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business**  
                               **(Child care for all ages)**  
**10:00-11:00**       **Program**

### FWCC World Conference 2012



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**11:15-12:00**        **Meeting for Worship with Concord Meeting**  
**12:00-12:15**       **Announcements**  
**12:15-1:00**        **Lunch provided by Concord Meeting**

*Directions: Located at 827 Concord Rd., Concordville PA 19331. From Rte. 1 in Concordville, take Concord Rd. south ¼ mile past the Concordville Fire House; meetinghouse is on left. See map on website [www.pym.org/concord-quarterly-meeting](http://www.pym.org/concord-quarterly-meeting).*

## CQM Calendar of Events: Pull Out and Post

### July

- 1 Picnic and Tubing on the Brandywine  
*12:30-4:30, MaryEtta Clendenin's. Go to [www.pym.org/concord-quarterly-meeting](http://www.pym.org/concord-quarterly-meeting) for directions and more information.*
- 4 Lake Suppers  
*Westtown Lake, sponsored by Westtown Meeting. Every Wednesday through August. See p. 4 for details.*
- 18 Summer Concert on the Lawn: *Voices of Africa*  
*6:30-7:30 p.m., The Hickman. Free concert. Bring a lawn chair.*
- 22 Concord Quarterly Meeting at Concord  
*Brenda Beadenkopf will present on her trip to the FWCC World Conference of Friends in Nakuru, Kenya. See p. 1 and flyer for more information.*
- 25-29 PYM Annual Sessions  
*See [www.pym.org](http://www.pym.org) for details.*

### August

- 4 Annual Chicken Barbecue  
*4-7 PM. Birmingham Meeting. Bluegrass band; barbecue chicken and vegetarian entrees; local summer vegetables, drinks, desserts. Take out available. \$12 for adults in advance, \$13 at door, \$6 children under 12. Contact Debra Sparre 610.696.4117 or [debra at sparre.us](mailto:debra@sparre.us) for tickets. Proceeds benefit charity.*
- 5 Planning Committee Meeting  
*7:30-9pm, The Hickman living room*
- 15 Summer Concert on the Lawn: *Barbone St. Jazz Band*  
*6:30-7:30 p.m., The Hickman. Free concert. Bring a lawn chair.*
- 26 PA Women's History Project: *A Woman's Work is Never Done*  
*2 PM, Chichester meetinghouse. See p. 4 for details.*

### September

- 16 Fall Worship at Chichester  
*11:15 a.m.; refreshments. See p. 4 for details.*

### October

- 5 Artist Illumination Series  
*6-8 PM., The Hickman. Meet the artist night. Contact Jen Mitman, [jmitman at thehickman.org](mailto:jmitman@thehickman.org) for details.*
- 12 Art of Caring  
*6:30 PM, The Hickman. See p. 4 for details.*
- 28 Quarterly Meeting at Middletown  
*See next newsletter for details.*

**Ongoing Gentle Yoga** Willistown. 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Bring a blanket, mat, cushion. Call Sharon Bennett, 610.761.1962 for more information.

**Sacred Harp Singing** Birmingham. Laura Densmore 610.793.5102, [LDensmo1 at swarthmore.edu](mailto:LDensmo1@swarthmore.edu).

**Tanguy Sings** Monthly; contact Rich Aldred; [raldred at comcast.net](mailto:raldred@comcast.net), or 610.399.6724. Bring books, children, friends, instruments, voices, edible goodies, your own copy of *Rise Up Singing!*

Concord Quarterly Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business  
Held at Birmingham Monthly Meeting  
April 22, 2012

Meeting began with a period of silent worship. Clerk Rich Ailes welcomed everyone. There were 30 Friends in attendance. Friends from Birmingham, Concord, Goshen, Middletown, West Chester, Westtown, Willistown and Wilmington were present. The agenda was reviewed and approved.

Charles Spadoni's status was given by Rich Ailes. He has received a letter from Charles. He is doing well, in good humor, and does believe that his appeal may go to court in May and that he is optimistic that he could be released at that time. The clerk asks that Friends keep Charlie in their thoughts and prayers.

Nominating Committee Report was given by David Scott. **Friends approved the Nominating Committee's nominations of Bruce Harrison from Westtown Meeting as assistant clerk for a two year term ending June 30<sup>th</sup> 2014, John Lavin from Birmingham Meeting as Recording Clerk for a 1 year term ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2013, and Bruce James from Westtown Meeting as Treasurer starting June 30<sup>th</sup> for a 1 year term ending June 30<sup>th</sup> 2013. All terms begin July 1, 2012.**

Status of Coordinator position discussion was led by Rich Ailes. The attached report was distributed and reviewed by Friends. Two questions from the report were reviewed by Friends.

The first question is: does the Quarter support the job description for a Coordinator position?

A line should be added to bring the rich Quaker resources of the region such as Pendle Hill to bear on the Quarter as well as the activities and events of the Yearly Meeting. Another request to add spiritual nurture in the summary was made.

A Friend asked what is missing in this job description from what Beth does now. There would be reduced hours in PYM coordination, Beth's work in her leading on pastoral care, and administrative work such as the Quarterly Newsletter. This work would need to be taken up by volunteers.

A Friend felt that possessing a Bachelors Degree is nice to have, but not a requirement. Another Friend felt space should be left for an individual's unique gifts to be reflected in their work as the coordinator.

**Friends approved the job description taking into consideration the above suggestions and that the Planning Committee or a subset of the committee can handle the hiring process.**

The second question: Does the Quarter approve continuing to work with Western Quarter to fill a shared employee proposal?

Friends discussed both the pros and cons of a full-time position shared with Western Quarter, but there was not unity at this time for a decision. **Friends approved a Called Quarterly Meeting to continue discussion of this question.** Friends asked the clerk to send a letter to monthly meetings regarding the current status. Friends present were asked to go back to their Monthly Meetings on the financial impact in particular and report on the discussion and the outcome.

For Western Quarter, there was a sense that hiring a single full-time employee would reduce overhead of managing multiple part-time employees as they do now, and sharing a coordinator with Concord Quarter in a full-time position will net a stronger individual who can focus fully on Quaker concerns.

Friends shared further impressions:

- ◇ A shared position was an opportunity to get to know and learn about our neighboring Monthly Meetings and capitalize on the strength of a greater pool of Friends.
- ◇ It may be more efficient to bring the resources of the wider Quaker Community to both Quarters.
- ◇ Combining positions could allow more youth to come together.

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- ◇ Concern that both Quarterly Meetings meet on the same day which would require the coordinator to be in two places at the same time.
- ◇ A request that the Quarters keep open the possibility of either a full time shared coordinator or a part time Concord Quarter only coordinator based on the candidates that apply for the position.
- ◇ From one Friend who had organizing experience with our past Brandywine Region Coordinator Program, came a strong reservation that this could be a similar unsustainable effort. Concord Quarter is blessed with modest vitality because we are keeping it simple for the monthly meetings, the coordinator and our planning committee.
- ◇ Concern that if Western Quarter's 5 part-time positions are to be filled by a single position, it sounds more like a full-time job, not half of one.
- ◇ Concern about how to manage joint oversight of the coordinator position from both Quarters.

Treasurer's Report was given by Ron Ploeg. The Quarter's finances were distributed to Friends. He mentioned that the Quarter has a \$4,400 reserve and the Quarter needs to consider its use in a future meeting for Business.

A proposed budget was presented. One meeting has committed to a three percent increase and the treasurer needs to hear from other meetings on their commitment. Ron noted that the draft budget includes renewed contributions to the tuition endowment fund which were suspended for two years. Friends accepted the reports with gratitude.

Coordinator's Report was given by Beth Lawn and is attached to the minutes.

Birmingham and Wilmington's Joy's and Challenges will be distributed in the newsletter.

Meeting ended with a period of silent worship.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Lavin, Recording Clerk  
Richard Ailes, Clerk

#### Coordinator's Report

Much of my work this past quarter has centered on transitioning to a reduced time coordinator program. Meetings with the Planning Committee, and with the other quarter coordinators and PYM staff, have focused on how to best make this change. Other work has included both intergenerational and youth activities. The holiday sleepover at West Chester Meeting drew 14 young people who enjoyed roller skating, preparing meals, and bonding with youth across the meetings and quarters. The square dance in February was not as well attended as last year, and the Youth Group did not meet due to low enrollment. Finding a time other than Presidents' Day weekend next year might bring out more people.

Looking to the future for our youth, 12 adults from 6 meetings came together in March to assess the level of interest and energy in holding group activities for our young people next year. We explored questions such as what would it take to start a youth program in Concord Quarter, and if we did start one, what would it take to keep it going and make it successful? There was strong support for asking the Quarter to establish a Youth Committee that would work with the new coordinator for a program for youth from 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades. Beginning ideas for structure and programming were explored. More work will need to be done to flesh out the ideas proposed.

Beth Lawn,  
April 22, 2012



Called Concord Quarterly Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business  
Held at Concord Monthly Meeting  
June 10, 2012

Meeting began with a period of silent worship. Clerk Rich Ailes welcomed everyone. There were 21 Friends in attendance. Friends from Birmingham, Concord, Goshen, Middletown, West Chester, Westtown, Willistown and Wilmington were present. The agenda was reviewed and approved.

**Status of Coordinator position discussion** was led by Rich Ailes. The minutes from the prior Quarterly Meeting with regard to the coordinator position were read. Western Quarter met on May eighth. Their quarter has concerns after losing their youth coordinator and the slow pace that Concord Quarter is moving to hire a new coordinator. Western Quarter has notified our quarter that they have begun advertising for a part-time coordinator position but they are open to a full-time position should Concord Quarter be ready to support the shared coordinator position. Western Quarter is putting more emphasis on the youth coordinator and only requires 15 hours a week for administrative and newsletter activities out of the quarter coordinator.

Rich received a letter from Pam Costanzi that Willistown Monthly Meeting has approved funds for the coordinator position and is recommending that the Quarter on its own hire a contractor for 20 hours per week without benefits.

**Report on the Brandywine Region Coordinator** was given by Sallie Jones. Beginning about 1996, there was a leading for a youth and outreach coordinator. Western Quarter joined the Brandywine Region as a "large monthly meeting." Participants described the venture as complicated and time consuming. Though it was a good experiment, the participants didn't have enough energy and time to do this work. From 1997 to 2002, Helen Fields was the coordinator for the nineteen meetings in the Region. Each meeting was invited to send two representatives, but at no time did the Region ever have full representation. The representatives met five or six times a year, went through several clerks, and was challenged to determine what Helen should do. There was a newsletter, youth events, and, briefly, singles events. In addition to the difficulty of sustaining energy, different personalities presented their own challenges. Sallie did not think this proposed shared coordinator position is exactly comparable to the Brandywine Region coordinator, but she still sees similar problems. Another Friend who participated in the Brandywine Region program had a sense of each group staying entrenched in their own regions that were difficult to overcome.

Another Friend said they never understood the concept of the "Brandywine Region" and sensed that the Quarter really came into its own after the Brandywine Region program ended. Another Friend remembered it as an unwieldy situation and there were many Friends that came onto the committee and would go off in frustration.

In response to a question on the importance of visiting, Beth related that it was very important in our Quarter to visit the meetings because it is part of our Quarter's mission and goals to connect the meetings to each other and the Quarter, and being present on Sunday mornings is vital to accomplishing this. She also said that Western Quarter would not expect this as they have different expectations and a different model, expecting their clerks to do the Meeting visitation.

A Friend noted that she interacted and made connections with other Friends in the Brandywine Region that she believes she never would have had otherwise.

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Friends entered into a period of Worship Sharing. The Clerk asked Friends to consider whether the Quarter should or should not pursue a shared position with Western Quarter.

Some Friends present had a sense that there are different goals from each Quarter and foresee difficulty in asking one coordinator to fulfill both Quarters' needs. Our Quarter is seeking the assistance of someone for service and community. Though financially helpful, there is no shared vision between the two Quarters on what service the coordinator would provide.

A Friend expressed her discomfort with staying within ourselves and asked that Friends consider other ways in which we could work together. Besides the coordinator position, there are still opportunities to bring the quarters together, perhaps with the youth.

A Friend shared her experience with the Iraqi Refugee Resettlement Program. It was a program that was not run at a monthly, quarterly, or yearly meeting level. Members participated as they were led and Beth was asked to help when the program was starting.

**The Clerk sensed the Quarter is not prepared at this time to share a coordinator with Western Quarter, but the Quarter is prepared to take this opportunity to search for other avenues to work with Western Quarter such as youth experiences in particular. Friends approved.**

Friends reaffirmed the part-time position as presented in the April Quarterly Meeting.

**Friends approved adding Valerie Peery, to the hiring sub-committee composed of Rich Ailes, Ray Hamilton, Beth Lawn, Peter Lane and Tom Woodward.**

A Friend asked that the Planning Committee determine the competitiveness of the salary amount in the proposal. The response was that this amount is comparable with the money paid to the yearly meeting staff.

The Quarter will be requesting a part-time contract position, and the treasurer will have to provide the compensation amount to the IRS.

Beth noted that her employment position is terminated as of June 30<sup>th</sup>. Her severance is in the form of unemployment compensation and that compensation requires any employment work she performs to be less than 50 percent of her prior pay. **Friends approved using Beth as a very part time contractor following her termination as an employee of the Yearly Meeting until a new coordinator can be found.**

### **Announcements**

The Quarter's Tubing on the Brandywine will be on Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup>. Please see the flyer for more information.

Every Wednesday evening, Westtown holds a covered dish picnic and all Friends are welcome.

Meeting ended with a period of silent worship.

Respectfully submitted,

John Lavin, Recording Clerk  
Richard Ailes, Clerk

## CONCORD'S TREE IS SECOND LARGEST IN PENNSYLVANIA

Concord Meeting Members have long been concerned with planting trees and shrubs on the grounds, and over the centuries, their efforts have resulted in our Meeting having both large trees and some uncommon plants. There is a very large American linden or basswood tree in the center of the Cemetery, and it is probably about 140 years old. Recently, it was measured by a survey team from the Pennsylvania Big Trees organization, and it was judged to be the second largest linden (*Tilia americana*) in the State of Pennsylvania.



Daniel Lewis and the Linden tree

The "measure" of the tree is a combination of the circumference of the tree, the height of the tree, and the spread of the branches. The Concord linden has a girth of 235 inches, which adds 235 points to the tally. The height in feet is 88, which is worth 88 points for the score. The widest width of the spread of the branches in the canopy is almost 90 feet, which is worth 24 points, so the total points for the size of this tree is 347, an impressive score for a specimen tree. It immediately displaced the former Number Two linden in the state. It has reached its maximum growth and, while it may add slightly to its size, is not likely to overtake the number one tree.

Having Concord's very large basswood recognized by Pennsylvania Big Trees is good thing in the world of arborists, and it does give the Meeting some "bragging rights" when discussing special trees and Quakers. However, we at Concord are simply very happy to be able to enjoy one more notable tree on our Meeting's grounds.

*Larry Walker, Concord Monthly Meeting*

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to serve in a very part time capacity until a new coordinator is hired.

It has been my privilege to serve you these past 7 ½ years. Working together we have seen our quarterly sessions grow stronger with wonderful programs for both adults and children and increasing attendance; we have taken on service projects; put together educational programs and intergenerational events; formed a youth group; danced together; floated down the Brandywine together; and grown together in love and in

service to one another and our communities. Since I am not a member of Concord Quarter, I will no longer be among you as you continue the work we have started together. I leave wishing you many blessings as you continue your journey into community. I will miss you all. Please don't forget to invite me to the square dance and the tubing next year; I'll bring my granddaughters and introduce them to Quakers at their liveliest!

With much love,  
Beth Lawn

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Treasurer: Bruce James  
Coordinator: Beth Lawn

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#### Concord Quarter Meetings

Birmingham  
Concord  
Goshen  
Middletown  
West Chester  
Westtown  
Willistown  
Wilmington

### Concord Quarter Seeks Part Time Coordinator

Applications are now being accepted for a 20 hour/week, part-time coordinator position for Concord Quarterly Meeting, to begin September 1, 2012.

Applicant will be expected to work with the Concord Quarter Planning Committee:

- ◇ To facilitate spiritual and social opportunities for members of Monthly Meetings to come together in mutual support and community-building.
- ◇ To foster relationships between and among Monthly Meetings and the Quarterly Meeting to address issues of common concern.
- ◇ To provide support to the Youth Committee which creates programs and activities for Concord Quarter youth from 5th-8th grade.

Interested persons may send inquiries for a fuller job description and compensation details to [concordqmsearch@gmail.com](mailto:concordqmsearch@gmail.com).

Applications will be accepted until August 3, 2012.

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