

Southeastern Yearly Meeting Numbered Minutes of Yearly Meeting, Fourth Month 16-20, 2003

03YM01: The Yearly Meeting requests that meeting clerks work with each meeting's recorder to supply our YM membership recorder, Phoebe Andersen, with information for the SEYM database, to include date of birth. Date of birth information will not be published in the directory but is required for right-ordered record keeping.

03YM02: The YM approves the minutes of Representative Meetings on Tenth Month 5th 2002 and First Month 18th 2003, as published in the Documents in Advance for YM Gathering 2003.

03YM03: YM approves the Membership section of the Faith and Practice as published in the Documents in Advance, with modifications made at the YM Gathering 2003.

03YM04: SEYM expresses its deep appreciation for the work of Gay Howard and the other members of the Faith and Practice Committee for their long and careful work on the Membership section of the SEYM Faith and Practice.

03YM05: Southeastern Yearly Meeting, recognizing the work and success of the Havana Quaker Peace Project, wishes to continue our support to our sister meeting, Cuba Yearly Meeting, at the level of \$2000 per year.

03YM06: The YM approves the budget presented by the Finance Committee as amended during this plenary session.

03YM07: The Yearly Meeting gratefully accepts the invitation of the Sarasota Meeting to hold Representative Meeting in the Sarasota Meetinghouse Tenth Month 2003.

03YM08: We carry in our hearts and consciousness the concerns that have resulted from our greed and inattentiveness – the deadly diseases such as AIDS, the untended, unhealed brokenness from wars over the land, the bondage of human bodies and spirits, the desecration of God's creation. We affirm the sacredness of all life on this planet and the interconnectedness of all beings as beloved children of God. In this understanding we recognize the needs of all life and our responsibility to live such a fashion that these needs may be met. We affirm the good that is already in progress through ProNica, American Friends Service Committee, Friends Peace Teams, among others, and feel our hearts lifted by the faithfulness demonstrated. We encourage ongoing individual and corporate discernment of what part we are to play in the healing work that God is calling us to – as individuals, as local meetings and in the Yearly Meeting as a whole.

03YM09: SEYM deeply appreciates the thoughtful work of the 2003 epistle committee, Doris Emerson, Stephen W. Angell, and Cathy Gaskill.

03YM10: SEYM thanks Nancy Fennell, clerk of Gathering Committee, for yet another excellent job done in organizing and coordinating the Yearly Meeting Gathering 2003.

03YM11: SEYM recognizes Lyn Cope-Robinson for her continuing diligence, care and expertise in carrying out the duties of the YM secretary's position, and especially for the YM newsletter.

03YM12: SEYM approves the Nominating Committee report.

03YM13: SEYM is grateful for the work of the volunteers who coordinated the children's programs - Josephine Posti, Jason Child, Alice Bejnar and Vicki Mariner.

03YM14: SEYM approves the epistle for Gathering 2003.

03YM15: SEYM thanks Tom Fennell for the simple meals which enabled some people to attend who would not otherwise have been able to do so.