

January 2018



Richland Friends Monthly Meeting  
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## Blue Book (Reference Manual) For Richland Monthly Meeting

The Blue Book has been revised and sent via email to all active Friends of Richland Meeting. The file sent was named: "RMM Blue Book Final Nov 2017". In case you didn't see it when it was sent the first time, please watch your emails because it is being sent to you again. If you haven't downloaded it, please do so and save it for future reference. Better yet, print a copy for your use. If you are unable to locate it, you can email me ([bjzfdz@aol.com](mailto:bjzfdz@aol.com)) and I will forward it to you. All committees should have it available as a reference for committee responsibilities.

The Blue Book Revision Committee, under the care of the Care and Worship Committee, consisted of several dedicated Friends, including Carol McCoy (who performed the monumental task of transcribing our words and intentions into the final document), Ann Tucker,

Kathi Knight, Sharon Finn, Jack Schick and Barbara Zucker. We met on many Saturdays during 2017 in the School House to go over every detail of the manual and update it to conform to current practice and to make it read well and be stylistically consistent. However, as stated in the "Preface", the "Blue Book is a living document and subject to changes, additions, corrections, or deletions at any time, with the approval of the Monthly Meeting for Business." Therefore, the Blue Book should be reviewed on a regular basis and kept up to date.

On behalf of the Meeting, I would like to thank those who spent many hours working on this important project.

--Barbara Zucker, Clerk, Care and Worship Committee

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## RFM Care Village

The Care and Worship Committee has established an RFM Care Village, in order for each member or attender to have an opportunity to fulfill a need for another member or attender. C&W has created a form to offer help or ask for assistance. Forms are available from Beth McGlinchey and are on the information table in the Meetinghouse. Friends can check off the area/s that they feel they can be helpful in providing assistance to others. Caring for each other takes many paths, and this could be one of them. Please consider what you might be able to do for a Friend.

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## **The First Query: Deepening our Faith: Meeting for Worship**

Rooted in the history of Friends, the Queries reflect the Quaker way of life, reminding Friends of the ideals we seek to attain. Many meetings read the Query aloud during a meeting for business each month and set aside time for corporate discernment and reflection. We at Richland read them at our Monthly Meetings for Business and publish them in our newsletter as well.

Are our meetings for worship held in stilled, expectant waiting upon God?

As we worship in the living silence, are we drawn together by the power of God in our midst? Do we experience a deep reverence for the integrity of creation?

How does our worship nurture all worshipers, creating a deeper sense of community?

How does our meeting encourage vocal ministry that spiritually nurtures the worshiping community?

*Do I faithfully attend meeting with heart and mind prepared for worship, clear of any predetermination to speak or not to speak, expecting that worship will be a source of strength and guidance?*

*Does worship deepen my relationship with God, increase my faithfulness and refresh and renew my daily life, both inwardly and in my relationships with other persons and with all of creation?*

*Does worship enhance my capacity for attentive, non-judgmental listening to others?*

*How does participation in meeting for worship contribute to my life-long spiritual journey?*

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## **Richland Meeting Calendar**

**Light Group Guided Meditations**, open to the public at 7pm every Wednesday

**First Day Adult Discussion Group**, 9:45 AM every Sunday in the Schoolhouse

**First Day School for children and teens**, 10:30AM every Sunday in the Schoolhouse

We invite all the children of RFM and their friends to join is each First Day at 10:15 in the Schoolhouse. At about 11:15 after a snack we join the adults for the last bit of Meeting for Worship.

**RFM Meeting for Business** is held every Second Sunday at Rise.

**Food for Friends** is every 2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesdays each month at 6pm in RFM Schoolhouse.

**Please contact Dona Berger if you can help with that dinner.**

**610-346-9708 or [deelee44@ptd.net](mailto:deelee44@ptd.net)**

Future dates RFM cooks for FFF are: Feb. 28, 2018, May 23, 2018, and Aug. 22, 2018

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**RFM Book Group Meets January 19**

Our January 12 book group meeting date had to be cancelled, so we are meeting on Jan. 19 instead with the 26th as a snow date. The following date will probably be Feb. 16. The book for January is **A Gentleman in Moscow** by Amor Towles. We will meet at Kathi Knight's new house, 1225 Heron Court in Quakertown. Please RSVP to Kathi if you haven't already responded: 215-529-0891 or [kathi.knight@bucks.edu](mailto:kathi.knight@bucks.edu). Everyone is welcome to come!

**Abington Quarter Meets at RFM February 4**

Abington Quarterly Meeting for Business will be held at Richland Friends Meeting on 2-4-18. Friends arrival to the Schoolhouse at 8:30am for coffee and light morning refreshments will then pave the way to the Meetinghouse at 9:00 for the start of the Meeting for Business. With a full agenda, we will pause for Meeting for Worship at 10:30 and then resume the Meeting for Business at 11:45 to finish. An agenda will be posted nearing the date for those who are interested. We hope that all Friends will join us in this important gathering.

**From our Treasurer**

**Quick Look Cash Flow For the Month of November 2017**

<b>Cash Inflows, (Donations, Investment Income)</b>	<b>\$1,949.16</b>
<b>Cash Outflows (Expenses) .....</b>	<b>\$3,752.02</b>
<b>Net Cash Flow.....</b>	<b>(\$1,802.86)</b>

**Quick Look Cash Flow For the Month of December 2017**

<b>Cash Inflows, (Donations, Investment Income)</b>	<b>\$12,528.93</b>
<b>Cash Outflows (Expenses) .....</b>	<b>\$1,228.21</b>
<b>Net Cash Flow.....</b>	<b>\$11,300.72</b>

**Communicating with RFM Committees**

Carol McCoy, clerk for the Communication Committee can be reached at [peacefulpaws@verizon.net](mailto:peacefulpaws@verizon.net) and at 215-622-1843 for any RFM communication inquiries or event items  
The communications committee is looking for Friends who are Facebook-friendly to help administer our Facebook account. Please contact Carol if you can help

For Meeting for Business reports or items for the agenda, please send to Clerk Jack Schick at [Rfmclerkofmeeting@gmail.com](mailto:Rfmclerkofmeeting@gmail.com) and copy to Amy Bryan, Recording Secretary at [rfmminutes@gmail.com](mailto:rfmminutes@gmail.com).

For submissions to the monthly Pot Luck Press, please send to Linda Cooper, [quakertowncooper@aol.com](mailto:quakertowncooper@aol.com) and put PLP in the subject line

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