

**Report of Brooklyn Monthly Meeting to
New York Quarterly Meeting, Seventh Month, 30th, 2011**

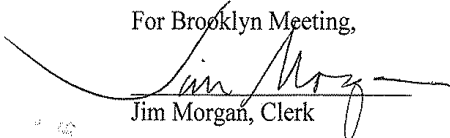
We gathered for Meeting for Worship on every First Day at 11am and on every Third Day at 6:30pm during this past quarter. We met in Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business on Fifth Month 1st, Sixth Month 5th, and Seventh Month 10th. Attendance on First Day continues to be strong, an average of 114 people present weekly during this period. We welcome a number of visitors each time, frequently from meetings far distant. Young people continue to bless us with their often radiant presence. Young Adult Friends continue to be very active, sponsoring worship-sharing sessions before Meeting for Worship on first First Day, afterward on second Third Day and at their monthly potluck, held at one or another of their homes. This quarter there has been no change in our membership.

On first First Day in Fifth Month, an exhibition of drawings prepared by students at Brooklyn Friends School and at Kisangura Friends Secondary School in Tanzania greeted everyone attending meeting. Entitled "Jambo, Si Jambo," (or "Hello, and hello in return," in Swahili), the show documented an exchange of artworks between the two schools. Facilitated by Marna Herrity, the project included funding for art instruction at the African school, a rare opportunity there since drawing is not normally part of its minimal curriculum. Sponsored by the NYQM African Education Committee, the delightful event gave those who experienced it a broader insight into the human dimension of this committee's work.

On Sixth Day evening, Seventh Month 8th, a Meeting for Worship with a Concern for the Quaker Testimony of Integrity, sponsored by our Peace & Social Action Committee, was held. Thirty people came for a viewing of "Inside Job," a controversial film which chronicles the financial crisis of 2007-2008. Those present were given a two-page handout containing appropriate advices and queries from New York Yearly Meeting's Book of Discipline, Faith & Practice along with a member's observations on the role of integrity in our daily lives. After the film, three worship-sharing circles met for almost an hour and the meeting closed with a brief period of silent worship for everyone. This is the first of five events planned for the remainder of 2011 that will consider the other testimonies as well, Peace, Equality, Simplicity and Community.

Adult education efforts continue on second First Day before Meeting with worship-sharing on sacred texts and on, usually, third First Day after Meeting with discussions on topics such as "What is a Leading?", "What is the relationship of our spiritual lives to social action?", and "How do I become a member of the Meeting?" Community Dinner continues to be offered on last First Day of every month.

For Brooklyn Meeting,


Jim Morgan, Clerk