

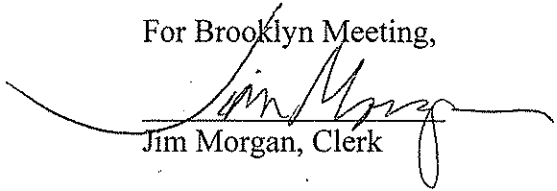
**Report of Brooklyn Monthly Meeting to
New York Quarterly Meeting, Tenth Month, 23rd of 2011**

Brooklyn Monthly Meeting did not hold Meeting for Worship on every First Day since our last Quarterly Meeting. On 28th of Eighth Month, as Irene was passing through town, we decided it was best to keep our doors closed. Two weeks later, on 11th of Ninth Month, after the children joined us, our meeting room was almost full. Attendance remains strong, relatively speaking, at our Third Day Meetings for Worship as well. At this small, usually silent meeting, those in regular attendance are often people who rarely or never appear on first day yet find meaningful refreshment of their spiritual needs in mid-week. On First Day, 7th of Eighth Month, Ministry & Counsel Committee met for extended worship and discernment with a number of Young Adult Friends as we began a formal discussion of how this large and vital presence in our meeting might best organize itself. No conclusions were drawn but all present rejoiced in the challenge this unique circumstance presents to us. We held Meetings for Worship with a Concern for Business on First Days, 4th of Ninth Month and 2nd of Tenth Month.

Our Peace & Social Action Committee, augmented by co-opted members for this purpose, presented the second in a series of discussions about our Testimonies, in this case our Peace Testimony. On First Day afternoon, the 18th of Ninth Month and on Sixth Day evening, the 23rd, about thirty people were present for showing of a collage of film and video clips describing and commenting on the war in Afghanistan. This was followed by small group worship-sharing on how these wars affect each of our lives. Then all present re-convened to talk about how our meeting might more actively proclaim our Peace Testimony in the world around us. These events are intended to generate and facilitate, over the next year or so, meeting-wide discernment about a program of social action around which we might come to unity. During the same week, for several individuals serving as clerk of one of our nineteen committees but not well acquainted with Quaker practice, on 20th of Ninth Month we offered a workshop on clerking that was gratefully received.

On First Day, 16th of Tenth Month we had a triple-header of activities: at Meeting for Worship and then at a potluck lunch, we welcomed those associated with NYYM prison worship groups for their annual reunion; in early afternoon, the first session of a Quaker studies course convened; and then, beginning mid-afternoon, Welcoming Committee kicked off, so to speak, its more or less annual contra dance.

For Brooklyn Meeting,


Jim Morgan, Clerk