

Report to New York Quarterly Meeting  
First Month, 24<sup>th</sup> Day, 2010

Staten Island Executive Meeting holds Meeting for Worship at 10 AM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> First days of each month. Since our last report, we held two Meetings for Business.

Our meeting has a new regular attender.

We have decided to relinquish our previous rental space on Buel Avenue and will continue to hold our Meeting for Worship in private homes.

We have continued to provide spiritual support for the worship group at the Arthur Kill prison and joyfully report that one of the regular attenders has been granted parole.

We approved the following minute on behalf of a member and request that the minute be considered for approval by the Quarterly Meeting.

Quakers have a long history of promoting non-violence. As a part of this testimony of non-violence, we collectively and individually are opposed to the death penalty.

The Staten Island Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) supports the efforts of our member, Betsy Wilson, to avoid participating in activities which support or have the appearance of supporting capital punishment when these activities are not essential to her employment. This would be accomplished by her being informed, in advance, of the content of special events so that she can request to be excused from these activities.

Our position is stated in the following passage from the New York Yearly Meeting  
**FAITH AND PRACTICE:**

“We have consistently opposed capital punishment. Each person is uniquely valuable and divine, and none is totally beyond redemption. Capital punishment rejects the message of forgiveness. In some cases, it legally destroys innocent persons, and in all cases it degrades the humanity of the executioners and of the society that endorses the act.”