



*The Sandy Spring Friends Meeting House*

**SANDY SPRING MONTHLY MEETING  
OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS  
17715 MEETING HOUSE ROAD  
SANDY SPRING, MARYLAND 20860**

Sixth Month 1, 2006

Dear Friend(s):

The Sandy Spring Meeting Membership and Spiritual Care Committee coordinates the spiritual and pastoral care of individuals and families in our community. In this way, our Meeting strives to provide support when any of us needs help dealing with our spiritual and other needs.

Our committee is grateful to all who responded last year to our first annual pastoral letter by filling out and returning the response form that told us about needs and enabled the Meeting to:

- respond to individual or family care needs
- support and utilize the leadings of members and attenders to participate in caring for others within our Meeting community.

We thank everyone who attended the February 18 Spirit-Led Pastoral Care Workshop reported on in SSMM's March newsletter. Input, received then and at various times by others throughout the year, helps all of us understand and respond to our meeting's needs. Your input, for example, helps:

- our Community Life Committee evaluate and plan our social activities
- Advancement & Outreach continue to focus on and provide Seeker Sessions that are both spiritually and personally meaningful
- Membership & Spiritual Care consider seeker-type sessions on pastoral care topics, devise questions for discernment of leadings/callings, and encourage each of us to greet a new person each week

- other committees assess additional actions (*e.g.*, Directory Committee review reissuing a photo directory).

Based on your responses, we have organized volunteers and procedures to enable each of us to both seek support and assist others in meeting their needs and situations. We are grateful to each committee's members and all those among us responding to these needs.

Please take a few minutes to fill out, again this year, the enclosed brief response form that reflects more of your suggestions and return it in the enclosed envelope. This form also helps us confirm your membership status and maintain the rolls of the Sandy Spring Monthly Meeting. Thank you.

In the Light,

Elizabeth F. Meyer, Clerk  
Membership and Spiritual Care Committee

**Membership & Spiritual Care Committee Pastoral Response Sixth Month 2006**

From: Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone No(s). \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Membership and Spiritual Care Committee  
Sandy Spring Monthly Meeting  
17715 Meetinghouse Road  
Sandy Spring, MD 20860

Please check all responses that apply to you or your family members.

**I. Needs you may have** - All responses to this question and Question II will be kept confidential within the Membership and Spiritual Care Committee (M&SCC):

\_\_\_ My (our) needs are being met within the Meeting community.

\_\_\_ I (we) have care needs that I would like help with. Please describe the nature of the need here or on a separate sheet of paper:

\_\_\_ I (we) would like a member of M&SCC to contact me (us) about my needs. The best time and telephone number for reaching me (us) is:

\_\_\_ I am interested in participating in sessions and learning more about the following topics this fall and winter:

(over)

## II. **Helpful Meeting Resources**

Please list any Meeting programs or activities (*e.g.*, worship, religious education, seekers sessions) that have been particularly important to you in the past year:

## III. **Spiritual care you can or will consider helping with:**

I (we) can or will consider assisting with providing care in the following way:

- greet new people at the rise of Meeting.
- be on call to pray for and hold people in the Light during the week.
- send cards to people in the Meeting community at times of illness or grief.
- make or receive phone calls to/from those who would like to talk.
- help to provide meals to people in the Meeting community in times of need.
- be on call to provide rides to those in the Meeting community in such times.
- visit people in the Meeting community who are in the hospital, nursing homes or who may need care visits. (M&SCC will provide training for spiritual care visitors, so sign up for this if you are interested even if you feel inexperienced.)
- help plan and organize a specific social activity.
- coordinate a list serve on topics of interest.
- other (specify here or on a separate sheet of paper):

## IV. **Your membership status:**

I (we) are:  member(s)  attender(s)

- I (we) would like information on how to become a member of Sandy Spring Monthly Meeting (SSMM).
- I (we) am (are) no longer attending SSMM; please remove my name (our names) from your mailing list.
- I (we) am (are) no longer interested in being a part of the membership of SSMM. Please remove my name (our names) from your membership rolls.