

Looking to the Future

In Friends Center's 25th year, 2007-08, the Lilly Grant will have run its six-year course, and programs and staff of the Initiative on Faith and Practice will be incorporated into Friends Center. The trustees of the college, the Friends Center steering committee, and Friends Center staff have prepared for this day by expanding the Friends Center Annual Fund,



increasing the endowment, *Frank Massey, IFP gifts discernment coordinator* instituting cost-saving measures for Friends Center expenses, and planning for a major fund drive to raise \$3 million dollars to support expanded staff and programs.



Help the Center hold! Your gift to Friends Center helps continue our work in preparing a new generation of leadership for Friends, providing a vital campus ministry program for the college, bringing stimulating speakers and programs to the community, and offering opportunities for spiritual growth and knowledge of Quaker history, spirituality, and testimonies.

There are many ways to help:

- The Friends Center Annual Fund provides support for day-to-day operations
- The QLSP endowment fund supports staff and programs in leadership development
- Gifts and bequests can help renovate and expand campus ministry facilities

For information on these and other ways of supporting the work of Friends Center, contact Max L. Carter, director, Friends Center, Guilford College, 5800 W. Friendly Ave., Greensboro, NC 27410; tel.: 336-316-2445; e-mail: mcarte@guilford.edu

Programs of Friends Center

Information Services and General Programming

Friends Center staff are frequently engaged in providing information about Friends, speaking at Quaker meetings, schools, conferences, and institutions, and giving programs for civic, religious, and educational organizations. On campus, Friends Center is responsible for strengthening the college's Quaker principles, holding the college accountable to its Quaker heritage, and educating the community about Quaker process and testimony.

The Quaker Leadership Scholars Program

Since its inception in 1992, more than one hundred QLSP graduates have gone on to serve Friends as clerks of meetings and major committees, teach in public and Quaker schools, serve as pastoral ministers, work for the AFSC, FCNL, QUNO, FWCC, and peace & justice organizations, and carry their Quaker principles into all walks of life. QLSP has inspired similar programs at Wilmington College, George Fox University, and Westtown. There are typically 60-70 students in the program each year.

Campus Ministry

Friends Center provides campus ministry to Guilford College through daily worship opportunities; College Meeting for Worship; Taize worship; small groups; volunteer work with Friends Disaster Service; Religious Emphasis Week; a bi-weekly newsletter; frequent speakers, teas, and forums; an interfaith council; support for numerous campus religious organizations; one-to-one support and nurture; and "the Hut," the campus ministry center.

The Quaker Renewal Program and Spiritual Formation

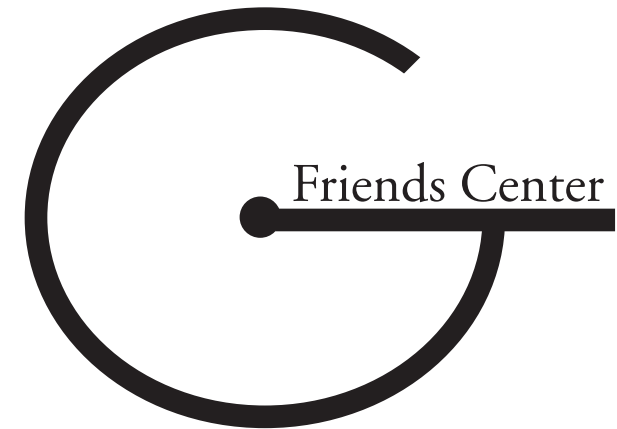
QRP is an adult, off-campus program of book studies; programs in Quaker spirituality, history, and testimonies; and fellowship among Friends from a wide variety of Quaker communities in the state. The Spiritual Formation Program is a yearlong offering of retreats and studies focusing on growth in spiritual discipline.

Speakers Series

Friends Center sponsors the annual J.M. Ward Distinguished Quaker Visitor; the Judith Weller Harvey Quaker Scholar; the Luby Casey Campus Ministry Visitor; and supports the Fleming Peace Lecture. Through these and other Friends (and others)-in-residence programs, Friends Center has brought to the campus and community rich and rewarding opportunities with the leading thinkers, authors, activists, and ministers of our time.

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Early History

Friends Center at Guilford College grew out of a desire to strengthen the relationship between the college and the Quaker community out of which the school developed. Historical ties between Guilford and its founding denomination had been strained by the same forces in the latter half of the 20th century that led many religiously affiliated colleges to sever or distance their relationship. Trustees and concerned Friends sought to reverse that trend at Guilford.

In 1977 Judith Weller Harvey was asked by the college to convene a joint college/yearly meeting planning committee to consider a summer workshop for pastors in response to interest from North Carolina Yearly Meeting (FUM). D. Elton Trueblood, the noted Quaker philosopher and theologian who began his academic career at Guilford in the 1920s, was brought to lead a successful workshop. A planning committee worked in the following four



Judith Weller Harvey, founding director of Friends Center

years to convene annual summer pastors' workshops. Encouraged by this cooperative effort, the college trustees in 1982 approved the establishment of Friends Center as an office to oversee relationships between Guilford College and Friends, supported financially in part by the college and in part by the Quaker and wider community. Programs were expanded to include seminars on Quaker faith and practice, young adult conferences, recruitment of Quaker students, and oversight of the annual J.M. Ward Distinguished Quaker Visitor series.

Friends Center was born.

Friends Center at Guilford College is a collaborative endeavor of the College and the Religious Society of Friends to strengthen Friends and their institutions. As a Quaker resource center for the Southeast and beyond, Friends Center provides programs that nurture servant-leaders both at Guilford College and in the wider community. These activities are grounded in prayer, informed by Friends' faith and practice, nourished by worship and spiritual formation, and brought to fullness in Quaker community.

- from the Friends Center mission statement

Friends Center Grows

With the relationship between the College and the Quaker community strengthened through the 1980s by efforts of President William R. Rogers and Friends Center, the steering committee of Friends Center felt it was time to expand into developing campus ministry and Quaker programs on campus. In 1990, Max L. Carter joined the Friends Center staff to create and oversee the college's first official office of campus ministry.



Max L. Carter, Friends Center director and campus ministry coordinator

The Quaker Leadership Scholars Program (QLSP) was developed by Friends Center in 1992 with Max Carter as director. Upon Judy Harvey's retirement in 1993, Max was named director of Friends Center, and Deborah Shaw '84 joined the staff as assistant director. Throughout the 1990s, Max and Deborah worked together to strengthen and expand the programs of Friends Center, including QLSP and campus ministry, adding the Quaker Renewal Program in 1995, and helping establish the College's Quaker Studies Concentration.



Deborah Shaw, IFP worship and discernment coordinator; assistant director of Friends Center

A New Era Emerges

Invited in 1999 by President Donald McNemar to develop a proposal to the Lilly Endowment for a \$2 million grant for the theological exploration of vocation, Friends Center staff conducted interviews with alumni and friends of the College nationwide. The resulting grant proposal was accepted, and in 2002 the



Scott Pierce Coleman, director of IFP and QLSP

Guilford Initiative on Faith and Practice (IFP) was created as an independent office to administer the Lilly Grant. In the succeeding years, the IFP has strengthened QLSP through hiring a more full-time director and expanding the QLSP staff; supporting and expanding campus ministry programs; and developing vocational discernment programs with a specific focus on religious vocations.

Under the leadership of President Kent Chabotar, Guilford adopted a new strategic plan in 2004 which calls for, among other things, a strengthening of the college's Quaker principles and practices. Friends Center has been given primary responsibility in this area and is developing instructional materials, orientation programs, and partnerships with the



Betsy Blake, QLSP staff wider Quaker community; helping increase Quaker student enrollment; and creating guidelines for an ethical purchasing policy.