

At Baltimore Monthly Meeting of Friends - Homewood
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John F. Silbernagel, a member of this Meeting, and Helen W. Williams of Irving Street, Washington Friends Meeting, will be married 2nd month 14th at Florida Avenue Meeting House.

C. Wayne Carter spoke of recent activities in Baltimore Monthly Meeting, and after prayer, the Meeting was adjourned.

J. Holbrook Parker (Clerk)
Louis C. Mueller (Rec. Clerk)

AT BALTIMORE MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS - HOMEWOOD
Held 2nd month, 26th, 1953

There were 23 members present.

The Minutes of the Meeting held 1st month, 29th, 1953 were read, amended, and approved.

A very full report was received from Eleanor Richardson, of the proceedings at Quarterly Meeting, held in Baltimore, Md., 2nd month, 14th, 1953.

Aurie Clark and Mary P. Applegarth had a very pleasant visit with Elizabeth H. Parker, and see no objection to her proposed marriage.

A Certificate of Clearance was received from Orvill Carter, Clerk of Russia-ville Monthly Meeting, on behalf of C. Wayne Carter.

A Meeting for Worship was appointed for 3rd month, 7th at 2 P.M. at Homewood Meeting House, for the wedding of Elizabeth H. Parker and C. Wayne Carter, and the Committee appointed in 1st month, were asked to attend.

A letter was received from Bertha E. King, requesting assistance in handling the records of Baltimore Monthly Meeting. This was referred to the Nominating Committee for attention. We heartily approve of the work Bertha E. King renders in taking care of the Records.

Edna Goodwin submitted a full written report on the activities of the Peace committees.

Doris Shamleffer, on behalf of the Joint Social Order Committee, brought forward the subject of racial discrimination. The testimony of our Meeting in regard to racial equality was carefully considered in the light of the statements in Faith and Practice and the Tenth Query of Faith and Practice. Friends approved of the following statements from the considerations of the World Conference of Friends at Oxford:

1. "We deny any scientific basis for the myth of racial superiority or inferiority."
2. "We consider ourselves and all men the children of one loving Father, and therefore brothers with one another."
3. "We believe in the dignity of the human personality."
4. "Accepting as we must individual difference of capacity and of intelligence among members of all nations and so-called races, we nevertheless recognize that all men deserve equal opportunity to develop to the limit of their individual ability."
5. "We cannot accept the present racial discrimination as necessary or right, and therefore we feel impelled to take individual and corporate action to eradicate it."

Expression of encouragement as to the progress the Meeting was making in terms of abolishing racial discrimination in its own life and activities was expressed by many. The Meeting is happy to have Negroes attend its activities and welcomes them into fellowship with us as they feel the desire and are drawn to our common religious witness. Not all of our members are clear as yet as to the abolishing of racial discrimination in all avenues of daily life.

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