

Updates to AAFM Handbook 4th edition, February 2013

Each update begins with page, chapter, section, then heading.

Page 16 (Chapter 2, Section I, Treasurer):

In 2nd paragraph, line 1, change “preparing and filing payroll records” to “transmitting payroll information to the company that handles payroll.”

Page 29 (Chapter 2, Section II, Property Committee), near middle:

Change “Major Maintenance” to “Capital Improvements” (twice)

Page 32 (Chapter 2, Section III, Other Roles): in lines 1 & 3 *add* “the Religious Education Assistant” after “Publications Coordinator”

Page 34 (same section, after paragraph on Publications Coordinator): *Add:*

Religious Education Assistant

The Assistant’s primary tasks include maintaining supplies, frequent personal contact with parents, maintaining a database of children associated with the Meeting, scheduling events, arranging for childcare, and pre-organizing and launching the summer program.

Pages 39-40 (Chapter 3, Section I, Membership): *Under “Junior Membership,” replace the 2nd paragraph with the following:*

Upon graduating from high school (or at about the age of 18), junior members are invited to consider their adult relationship with the Meeting. They may: a) apply for full membership; b) continue as junior members for another few years; or c) continue their association with the Meeting as an attender.

Page 41 (same section): *Add at top of page (before “Withdrawal from Membership”):*

Inactive Membership

A member who has not participated in or communicated with the Meeting for many years may be declared “inactive.” This request for such classification may come from the member or from Membership and Outreach Committee. The Meeting does not count inactive members for financial assessments, but these members remain in the Society of Friends and may have their membership re-activated and, upon request, transferred to another Meeting.

Page 43 (Chapter 3, Section I, Funerals and Memorial Meetings): *In 1st paragraph, last 2 lines, change “the phone tree may be activated, following the scheme in the Meeting Directory” to “the urgent message system may be activated.”*

Page 47 (Chapter 3, Section III, Monthly Newsletter):

In line 2, add “or emailed” after “mailed”

Page 48 (same section, Telephone Tree): *This entire passage is superseded by the following:*

Urgent messages

When there is an urgent message to communicate to members and attenders, any two of the following three – Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Convener of Ministry and Counsel – may approve sending the message by email. Anyone who “opts out” of receiving email messages receives instead a telephone call from a member of Ministry and Counsel.

Page 49 (Chapter 3, Section IV, The Budget): *The last sentence in the 2nd paragraph describes ways to make financial contributions. Before “or mailed to,” add “made via the Meeting website,”*

Page 50 (Chapter 3, Section IV, Assistance Funds): *Add to the list:*

The Travel Fund for Witness in the Middle East helps members and attenders to learn firsthand about the daily life of Palestinians in the occupied territories. Participants may meet with Palestinian and Israeli peace groups and observe and listen to the experiences and perspectives of a wide range of people. Applicants should write a letter to Peace and Social Concerns Committee.

Page 65 (Chapter 4, Section II, Advices and Statements): *Add:*

Statement on Boycott of Corporations that Support the Israeli Military, adopted by the Meeting on July 17, 2011

The Ann Arbor Friends Meeting recognizes the complex international dynamics that feed the current Israeli-Palestinian conflict, creating fear on both sides and putting both Palestinians and Israelis at risk. We are concerned about the safety and well-being of all affected by this conflict. We wish to ally ourselves with those in Israel and Palestine working to bring peace.

We believe that one key step towards stability and safety for both Israelis and Palestinians depends on a just agreement regarding the Palestinian lands that Israel has occupied, illegally, according to international law, since 1967. Successive U.S. governments have generously supported Israeli military occupation of these lands, and have turned a blind eye to illegal tax exemptions for U.S. charitable organizations that support Israeli settlements.

We urge our government to exhibit equal concern for the well-being of both Palestinian and Israeli people by:

- ◆ Supporting a United Nations resolution recognizing a Palestinian state

- ◆ Withholding U.S. tax dollars that support the Israeli military
- ◆ Enforcing U.S. tax law regarding charitable organizations that support Israeli settlements.

We also urge Friends worldwide to unite with Britain Yearly Meeting in its call to boycott products made in Israeli settlements, “not as punishment or revenge, but as an external pressure to achieve change.”

With Britain Yearly Meeting, Ann Arbor Friends Meeting considers that “we should now act publicly, and, well-informed, be able to explain our action to others,” in order to “give hope to Palestinians and support to those in Israel who are working for peace.” We agree with Britain Yearly Meeting that “in the face of the armed oppression of poor people and the increasing encroachment of the illegal settlements in the West Bank, we cannot do nothing.” We too are clear that it would be wrong to support the Israeli settlements by purchasing their goods.

In order to exert more than symbolic pressure on the Israeli government to negotiate a just peace at this critical time, Ann Arbor Friends Meeting joins with religious and civil society organizations throughout the world in a boycott of corporations that support the Israeli military.

Page 67 (Chapter 5, Section I, Lake Erie Yearly Meeting): *In 2nd paragraph, line 1, change “June” to “July”; in same paragraph, penultimate line, change “on the first Saturday of March” to “in late March or early April”*

Page 68 (same heading, 3rd paragraph): *The Lake Erie Yearly Meeting Directory* was last published in 2009 and may not appear again.

Page 81 (Chapter 5, Section III, Representation to Other Organizations:

Delete Guild House Campus Ministry (which no longer exists)