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An Appeal from

Friends Meeting

Camden, Delaware



*After 150 Years of
Continuous
Service*

OUR FIRST MEETING HOUSE

Was Built in 1805

The Expansion Cost \$25,000

Today our young people nearly equal the older generation in numbers. We needed more room, so we accepted the challenge to build, despite rising costs. The addition will serve our needs and also be a useful community center.



The New Building

Schedule

- 1956 Site Acquired
- 1957 New Building Planned
- 1958 Construction Started
- 1959 Addition Completed
- 1960 A New Century of Service Under Way.
- 1961 Debt Retirement in Progress
- 1962 Mortgage Burned

OUR FAITH AND PRACTICE

Friends believe that God gives every man a measure of His Divine Spirit or the Light of Christ and that this Light Within guides the hearing mind.

The worship of Friends, their Bible study, youth activities, child guidance, service in the community develop out of this faith in the guidance of the Light Within.

ACTIVE COMMITTEES

Ministry and Worship
American Friends Service
Peace
Education
Race Relations
Wider Quaker Fellowship
Historical
Refugee Assistance



WORLD WIDE ACTIVITIES

Nationally the American Friends Service Committee, imbued with spirit and desire to aid unfortunate people, working through twelve centers in the United States collects annually over six million dollars, 5000 tons of food and medicine, and 500 tons of clothing, for distribution in a dozen countries, including France, Italy, Germany, Japan, Austria, and Africa, wherever suffering is greatest and the Federal Government will permit. Friends also help needy people within the United States.



Camden Sorts Clothing for Overseas



Overseas Clothing Distribution

Friends also help needy people within the United States. A National Committee on Legislation is maintained in Washington, D. C. A World Wide Committee tries to promote peace and friendly race relations. Schools are financed. Hospitals are maintained for the mentally and physically ill. Other groups aid in rehabilitation.

The new 1620 sq. ft. addition is made of colonial brick, designed to blend harmoniously with the original structure. The interior, which contains classrooms, kitchen, lavatories and heating plants is fire proof. The main, (28'X28') classroom area and kitchen may be converted into one room by folding a fabric screen. The original and new buildings are connected by a covered arched wall passageway to form a pleasing union with our historic edifice. Our hopes for the future—an enlarged active Friends Meeting, dedicated to the service of God and Humanity.



First Day School

AN INVITATION

to share in our concerns is extended to all persons interested in promoting the Faith and Practice of Friends. If our past service, present plans and future objectives seem worthy, your support would be appreciated.

Contributions may be sent to
THE CLERK, FRIENDS MEETING
CAMDEN, DELAWARE

Name

Address

Each contributor will receive a dated receipt for tax exemption purposes.

HISTORICAL

Friends have had a significant influence on the development of the central part of Kent County for two and one-half centuries. From 1700 to 1800 Meetings were active at Duck Creek Magnolia, Murderkill and Little Creek. Meanwhile the Quakers in Camden, (formerly Mifflin Cross Roads) increased in numbers until a Meeting House seemed justified. Accordingly Jonathan and Patience Hunn gave land on which our original building was erected in 1805.

During the next thirty years all of the nearby Meetings joined with Camden. Here the Dolbys, Lowbars, Howells, Nocks, Hunns, Mifflins, Emersons, Cowgills, Kimmeys and others found the religious inspiration, which enabled them to become leaders in business, government, philanthropic activities and the professions.

Following Friends' usual interest in education, a school was established and conducted for many years. The school may be reactivated. For many years Camden Meeting has been associated with Third Haven Meeting in Easton, Maryland, as The Southern Half Yearly Meeting of Friends. Semiannual meetings are held.

