

# Westport Monthly Meeting

## PO Box 3707, Westport, MA 02790

Dear Westport Meeting Member or Attender

This past Westport Monthly Meeting year has been very busy. Besides another successful Book Fair, we sold the Parsonage and spent significant time and financial resources on Meeting House repairs, as well as Meeting House and Community House fire and safety code updates.

The role of Property Coordinator transitioned from Deana Chase to Gretchen Baker-Smith. Deana's caring stewardship has set the Property Coordinator expectation level, and with the transition to Gretchen we have not skipped a beat. Gretchen has helped us catch up on many property loose ends, as well as coordinating the Parsonage sale and Meeting House and Community House work.

The sale of the Parsonage has allowed us to replenish the monies we spent on the Meeting House and Community House, as well as increasing our reserves. As has been the tradition, our reserves are used to maintain our property and support special projects. The addition of the Parsonage sale proceeds should ensure we do not need to do special fundraising for property and special projects.

Thus it is important each year through the Book Fair, Community House Rental Donations, Interest on Pooled Funds and Offering Donations we cover our yearly operating expenses. In 2013 our operating expenses are approximately 80% for daily operations, such as insurance, utilities and general property upkeep and 20% for donations, such as NE Yearly Meeting and Friends/Local Organizations.

With a decrease in members and attenders (although some great new families have been attending), the monies generated by Offering Donations have dipped below the 2013 amount we have budgeted. As of the end of October, we still need to generate \$6,000 more in Offering Donations.

Many people make their most generous offerings during the last months of the year and we hope this year will be no different. Of course any additional contributions would be appreciated. We recognize and appreciate everything everyone is doing but would be remiss not to update Westport Meeting members and attenders about the status of 2013 offerings.

Offerings can be left at the Meeting House or mailed to Westport Monthly Meeting, PO Box 3707, Westport, Massachusetts 02790.

Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season.  
Westport Meeting Finance Committee