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Through it all, there is a light-hearted presence in the Meeting that is best captured in the Christmas Play. It continues to be a gift of joy from the playwright and Young Friends to the entire Meeting.

We have concerns: finding an appropriate avenue to foster continuing spiritual growth; integrating our young people into the Meeting for Business; making the experience of silence more meaningful to all; enabling everyone to hear the vocal messages that arise during Worship.

Finally, while the looming war brings us to renew our peace testimony, it also presents us with more subtle challenges. How do we witness for peace without fostering adversarial relationships? And how do we capture the energy brought to the surface by crisis and apply it over the longer haul to deeply meaningful activities that engender peace- that in the well-known words of George Fox- allow us to "live in the virtue of that life and power that takes away the occasion of all wars?"