



August 2019

Dear Sharing Friend,

**"Friendship doubles our joy and divides our grief." \***

Her name was Katie, Katie Clapp. Meeting her in 1972 was the pivotal moment of my life. Katie had this incredible gift; she met each one, open to any possibility. If she loved you, she loved you unconditionally. It didn't matter; how much money you had, how educated you were, what your sexual orientation was, or your politics, or your skin color. You were accepted, as is, period! For me, such love was a new experience and I flourished. And I began trying to emulate Katie in her way of being.

It seems to me that many of us often judge one another on external characteristics.

I am reminded of a poem, titled "Incident" by Countee Cullen.

"Once riding in old Baltimore,  
Heart-filled, head-filled with glee,  
I saw a Baltimorean  
Keep looking straight at me.

Now I was eight and very small,  
And he was no whit bigger,  
And so I smiled, but he poked out  
His tongue, and called me, "Nigger."

I saw the whole of Baltimore  
From May until December;  
Of all the things that happened there  
That's all that I remember."

To paraphrase Doctor Peggy McIntosh,

One's perceptions are shaped by one's perspective. Which is to say that what we see with our eyes, or in our mind's eye, depends on how we've been shaped by our life experience. Those of us who are "white" have been conditioned to fear Black men. We have also been conditioned to live our lives oblivious to the dozens of invisible advantages bestowed on each one of us at birth, just because we are white.\*\*

## 2019 Walk Financial Statement As of July 31, 2019

<b>Income</b>		
Hingham Walk	43,266	
Rockville Walk	9,600	
Other Walks	8,884	
		<b>\$61,750</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Awards	283	
Food & supplies	740	
Insurance	176	
Miscellaneous	418	
Police protection	1,333	
Printing	910	
	3,860	
<b>Balance remaining</b>		<b>\$57,890</b>
	<b>Distributed as of 7-31-2019</b>	
Cornerstone Foundation (Rockville Walk)	5,484	
<b>Balance available for distribution</b>		<b>\$52,406</b>
	<b>Pledged for 2020 Distribution</b>	
Federation of Southern Co-ops	Epes, AL/Atlanta, GA	24,000
Kemetic Institute	Mound Bayou, MS	12,000
21st Century Youth Leadership	Selma, AL	12,000
Sharing's Scholarship Program		10,000
<b>Deficit</b>		<b>(\$5,600)</b>

May we live each day grounded by faith, working for justice and walking in Joy.

Shalom,

\* Swedish Proverb

\*\* White Privilege, Peggy McIntosh PhD