

### MMNA Progress Report, NYYM Year Book 2009-2010

#### Meeting the Minimum Needs of All

This MMNA advance report reflects concerns and queries raised at Peconic Bay Quaker Meeting, and at a spiritual discussion on “Reaching that of entrepreneurship in everyone: how can we have a spiritually informed economy?”

“Meet the Minimum Needs of All” (MMNA), seeks legitimate economic legs in the social design of the global political economy.

Spiritual life would acknowledge that the solacing institutions of kindness and charity available in all religious practices are capable of alleviating suffering in some measure, but are not equal to the task of eliminating global poverty when it is intrinsic to global social design.

The recent global economic collapse, long in the making but experienced in 2008, has alerted consciousness to subject social design to intense scrutiny: must we confine the right to create a credit line to private banking? Doesn't their heritage of 'boom and bust' economic cycles and their provision to care only for the workers needed to keep the economy functioning, constitute cruel and inhuman treatment of those kept out and a hindrance to human progress?

Doesn't nature bestow each person with creativity and the will to satisfy, and should we not design anew, making provision for a “line of credit for each child at birth” through governments, by setting aside past errors in this context disallowing them to mature into a mistake?

Since “my own mind is my own church” (Thomas Paine), and “money exists not by nature but by law” (Aristotle, Ethics, 1133), human spirit is well endowed for the task, as we heed the query: What canst thou say? (George Fox).

In Peace,

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