

Living Our Testimonies Today; Let's See What Love Can Do



Stout Meeting House, Earlham College

2009 Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting
Sessions: July 29–Aug. 2

News & Announcements
Young Adult Friends & 1st Time Attenders
50% Discount

Young Adult Friends and First Time Attenders are encouraged not to make price an obstacle to attending the Sessions of Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting. Please take special note of the discount available on the Registrar's and Reservation pages.

Peace and Social Concerns Committee – Pre Session Meeting

Making Peace a Personal Way of Life, lead by David Hartsough and Marge Nelson

10 AM until 2 PM on 7/29/09, probably in Landrum Bolling Center

The 2010 FGC Gathering Committee Needs Volunteers

FGC is relying on support from Lake Erie Yearly Meeting and Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting Friends to volunteer to serve on the Gathering Committee. *See details under 'Please consider service on the 2010 FGC Gathering Committee – FGC'.*

OVYM Webmaster Wanted

Are you interested in doing work for the Yearly Meeting and not interested in traveling to meetings? Do you know how to administer a website? If the answer to these questions is YES. WE NEED YOU. *Contact Ben Griffith, Deborah Jordan or Evalyn Kellum.*

OVYM Teen Secretary Wanted

OVYM is looking for a new Teen Secretary. Our current Teen Secretary is leaving us at the end of August. The Teen Committee will be posting a job description shortly. *For more information contact Lauren Baumann, Cynthia Sibrel, or Nikki Coffey Tousley.*

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Clerk's Note

Dear Friends,

I hope you are planning on attending the 189th annual sessions of our yearly meeting. As you can read from this front page, there is a special invitation for Young Adult Friends and for First Time Attenders. Our yearly meeting has always been serious about encouraging attendance - for years we have paid for children to attend sessions without charge to families. Under this year's Planning Committee impetus, it is conceivable for a young family of 2 adults (who are 1st timers) and all their children to attend sessions for about \$200!!! So let us reach out to our monthly meeting families and really encourage EVERYONE to attend. Yearly Meeting Planning Committee would relish the challenge of an unexpectedly high number of Friends.

On a more serious note, our theme asks us about "Living Our Testimonies Today: Let's See What Love Can Do". In a world that seems so complex and fractured, it is an amazingly simple response that Friends are called to make. It is no different today than it was when Jesus told his disciples, "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you." These seeds He planted are beginning to bear fruit today as we face the Evils of hatred, war, injustice, and poverty. And we must follow those who have implored us to See What Love Can Do. Come see a living community that tries to practice this simple request. Come to Yearly Meeting this year and recharge your heart.

Love, Ben Griffith, Presiding Clerk

News From The Broadacre

Quaker Heights Trustees Honored for 143 Years of Service

During the Annual Meeting of the Quaker Heights Care Community Corporation, four special Trustees were honored for their extensive years of service to the organization. Byron Branson, Tom Hill, Christine Snyder, and Horatio Wood received a minute of appreciation during the meeting. Each person's summary of work, officer positions, and unique contributions were recounted as a large picture was displayed with their individual years of service highlighted. Wendy Waters-Connell, Executive Director provided attendees with descriptions of leadership from each of these weighty Friends.

Byron Branson's leadership (43 years) was described as "the mirror from which we reflect and examine ourselves and our decisions... the example of how to forgive, and look ahead." Tom Hill (30 years) was described as an "elder who takes time to think very carefully before providing wise counsel... a model for priorities and the importance of doing better for our children and grandchildren." Christine Snyder's leadership (35 years) was described as "the voice of the organization's history... an amazing mind providing wise assessments about the importance of Quaker values balanced by the demands of modern business activities." Horatio Wood (35 years) was described as "a living lesson in courage, as much as elder grace... able to convey messages of principal which result in respect and reverence from the listeners... an individual whose words mattered, because they were consistent with his actions."



left to right – Christine Snyder, Byron Branson, Tom Hill, Horatio Wood and Alice Palmer

All of the honorees were identified as servant leaders and affirmative builders of a better world for the most fragile among us. As a reminder of their servant leadership, Alice Palmer, the Presiding Clerk for Quaker Heights, shared a description from the artist, Dee Mallon, whose work was chosen and purchased to hang outside the boardroom of Quaker Heights. Alice explained the framed quilt is called "Peace III" and is from of a larger fabric production called "Valentine to Iraq." The artist meant to convey the enormity of human loss in war, each stitch representing the casualties and final kiss between a mother and child. The quilt is also a representation of the wish for peace to become as natural as a snake moving through the grass, chickens pecking at seeds, or clouds moving across the sky. Words within the quilt read, "ALL WARS TO END". Alice Palmer stated in closing, "This large quilt square art, framed behind glass, shall be displayed in honor of the beauty with which these Friends let their lives speak."

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Quaker Hill Foundation

The board of Quaker Hill Foundation has announced a change in the position of Executive Director of the organization. David Edinger, who had led the organization as its Executive Director for nearly 18 years, stepped down from that position as of March 31, 2009. Board Clerk, Mike Miller, expressed his appreciation to David for his many years of service and dedication to Quaker Hill Foundation and Quaker Hill Conference Center. Mr. Miller further announced that the foundation board has decided to hire a part-time interim director while a search is completed for a permanent replacement. All programs and services of Quaker Hill Conference Center are expected to continue as planned during this transition period. For additional information about an application for the position of Executive Director, those interested should contact *Cherie Giannitelli* at 765-962-5741 or email to quakerhillconferencecenter@verizon.net

Quaker Heritage Center of Wilmington College Annual Report for 2008/2009

A year of challenges and opportunities. A year of changes and continuity. A year of successes and learning experiences. As the 2008/2009 academic year comes to a close, I find myself grateful for it all.

These are the first few lines of the annual report sent to the Quaker Quill. There was so much to include in this June issue that there was no room for the whole text. Below is contact information for the Quaker Heritage Center of Wilmington College. – editor's note

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Mt. Gilead Friends Retreat

Workshops on the theme of Connecting with Spirit

Divine Creativity at Work in Human Experience

With Mary Jo Weaver, June 6, 9:00-3:30
Professor of Religious Studies, Emerita

Mindfulness Meditation

With David LeBeau, July 11, 9-11:30
Meditation Instructor with the School of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, Indiana University

Thomas Merton and Contemplative Prayer

With Jonathan Montaldo, Oct 10, 9:00-3:30.
Resident director of the Merton Institute, former director of the Thomas Merton Center at Bellarmine University, and past president of the international Thomas Merton society.

To register or for more information call 812-679-6835 or email, mtgilfr@bloomington.in.us or eder@indiana.edu

taken from program information provided by Mt. Gilead Friends Retreat – editor's note

Committee Reports

New Employee Relationship – Personnel Committee

The OVYM Personnel Committee has been busy since last fall. The status of OVYM staff was converted from direct employee to contracted provider. As each of the two staff provide a very specific service to the Yearly Meeting, it became appropriate to change the employment relationship. The new relationship creates flexibility for providers and simplification for the YM Treasurer. The Personnel Committee then developed and recommended policy changes to the Yearly Meeting Handbook to codify the details of the contractual relationships. Contracts for our YM providers will be renewed for new one year terms effective on Sixth Month, 1st, 2009. As always, we are guided by a sense of fairness, equity and unity (consensus) in our employment and contractual relationships. Members of the committee are JP Lund, Steve Angell and Tom Nowel. Paul Buckley has also assisted in the development of policy and procedure. *Tom Nowel, Clerk, Personnel Committee*

An Idea – Discipline Revision Committee

In my job as field secretary for Illinois Yearly Meeting, I have the opportunity to see a variety of approaches to problems and issues. This allows me to cross-fertilize – suggesting successful solutions to common problems. Usually, this takes place at the monthly meeting level.

Like Ohio Valley, Illinois Yearly Meeting has been engaged in the process of writing a book of faith and practice. Unlike OVYM, IYM did not have an existing book to edit and they have found that writing from scratch is a much more difficult undertaking. The committee has been working on this task for seventeen years. Several years ago, it was suggested that rather than approving sections once and forever, they might be more comfortable initially giving a provisional approval for five years. This would allow the committee and the meetings to turn to other topics during the trial period.

This seems to have had two benefits. First, the weight of approval is reduced. People didn't feel as compelled to worry over each word, knowing that there would be time to see how well the provisionally approved draft functioned. Second, at the time of final approval, real-life experience in those five years should provide a better basis for evaluating the appropriateness of the text than theoretical suppositions and possibly unwarranted fears.

Approval is a discernment process, relying on divine guidance of the meeting, but the living-breathing, all-too-human beings who make up the meeting and seek for guidance had more information to satisfy the rational parts of their beings when discerning what to do.

This idea was discussed at the last meeting of the OVYM Discipline Revision Committee. We felt it was an interesting possibility, but we didn't want to burden the monthly meetings with another request before yearly meeting, so I was asked to write this article and collect any comments people might have.

If you have thoughts or leadings, please send them to me paul.buckley1@sbcglobal.com (don't forget to include the "1" after my name). *Paul Buckley, Discipline Revision Committee*

A Pre Session Workshop – Peace and Social Concerns Committee

A Pre Session Workshop looks at making peace a personal way of life. Again this year the Peace and Social Concerns Committee will hold a workshop just before the opening of the Sessions of Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting. In fact it is beginning to be looked upon as a part of the Sessions. It will be held from 10 AM until 2 PM on 7/29/09 probably in Landrum Bolling Center. We hope that you can come and help make it a lively, moving discussion. Coffee, Pop and Pizza will be provided. This years theme deals with involving yourself in actions promoting peace. It will be lead by David Hartsough and Marge Nelson. David Hartsough, a life long Friend, grew up around peace as his father spent many years as the head of the AFSC Peace Department. David, after working in the San Francisco AFSC office, became the founder of Peaceworkers and the Nonviolent Peaceforce that work in conflict situations to bring peace. Marge Nelson is a Hoosier Friend that graduated from the Indiana University Medical School. During the Vietnam war she ran an AFSC clinic in Vietnam that specialized in helping children in need of artificial limbs. Since the war she has been active in Quaker reconciliation work with Vietnam. We hope that you can come and help make it a success. *submitted by Ron Haldeman*

Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting Officers

Ben Griffith, Presiding Clerk
Virginia Wood, Assistant Presiding Clerk
Deb Kociszewski, Recording Clerk
Stephen Angell, Treasurer
Paul Buckley, Assistant Treasurer



Comments for the Quaker Quill are appreciated.
Find me and tell what you think.

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North to Alaska and Eating Ethically – Teen Activities

Service Trip: Friday through Monday, June 12-15 in Dayton. Our focus will be OVYM's witness on sustainability and local foods. We expect to work in a garden that provides fresh vegetables to Dayton food pantries and will learn about the American Friends Service Committee's refugee resettlement program in Dayton.

Alaska: A group of teens will travel with our youth secretary to join Alaskan teens in a Spirit camp wilderness experience in Seventh Month. We expect our young people to return with a wealth of stories and a deeper sense of themselves as Friends. The teens are still short of their fundraising goal and we encourage Friends to consider contributing or hosting a fundraising event.

Winter Retreat: Eight teens gathered for an overnight retreat at Miami Quarterly Meeting in Louisville in Second Month. The retreat started with a Bible study on Adam and Eve in the afternoon and after dinner the group helped out at the Urban Goatwalker Coffee House, which makes an effort to include homeless and mentally ill performers and listeners. The teens posed questions for an intergenerational fishbowl discussion on Quaker spirituality held on First Day. OVYM Sessions: All teens are encouraged to join us for worship and play during OVYM sessions. We are beginning planning for a great week. *submitted by Nikki Coffey Tousley*

Struggle for Peace and Dignity – AFSC

Your American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) continues to struggle for peace and dignity in human relations throughout the world.

And some of the good news is that our staff in Gaza are so far unharmed by the violence being perpetrated there by so many on both sides; violence that continues to take lives and injure thousands more among not only the combatants but also non-combatant women and children. But, in addition to deaths from weapons, many Gaza citizens are living without electricity which affects water pumps which, in turn, contributes to acute shortages of clean drinking water, food supplies, and basic medical care. Our staff both in Gaza and on the West Bank, in coordination with local partners and other international organizations, is identifying critical unmet needs for a humanitarian response. Once again AFSC is helping to pick up the "peaces" after nations attempt to solve their problems through violence.

Beyond the direct humanitarian response of AFSC and its partners in this and other areas, the AFSC continues to witness on the policy level right here in this country to the need for a "new globalization" of foreign policy. Staff continues to press for adoption of the "Roadmap for U.S. Engagement in the World" which describes our vision of a foreign policy that advances human dignity and opportunity, and redefines security as laying a foundation for lasting peace in the world. Our staff continue to articulate that the U.S. needs to behave as a global leader to build the public's confidence in the idea that security is not synonymous with militarism; and that it is in the interest of people around the world for us to invest in the first line of defense against conflict and violence (negotiations based on dignity and equality) rather than in the option of last resort (threatening militarism).

Lest you believe that Middle East Peace is the only item on the AFSC agenda, we want you to know that the AFSC as a whole, and your Great Lakes region, remain active in many other areas. The Eyes Wide Open exhibit, now transmogrified into state exhibits, continues to help remind Americans of the living cost of war as our main foreign policy. And, speaking of cost, available to you through our web-sites are signs helping you to inform not only yourselves, and your neighbors, about the monetary costs of our current wars – over \$700 million per day. Yes, PER DAY! These signs point out what our society is going without to continue maintaining a foreign policy based on violence. Gandhi once said that for so many children in this world the face of God is a loaf of bread. And your AFSC continues to argue that our foreign policy might be healthier and more respected if we came to others with a loaf of bread in our hands rather than a gun.

In addition to Eyes Wide Open, we continue our efforts with our Truth in Recruitment program helping young people know that there are real alternatives to better themselves educationally outside military service. Also we continue our work on so many areas dealing with human rights and dignity – in immigration reform work, in prison work, and so many other areas. Our AFSC website will show you the many ways we work for peace and human dignity.

Returning for a moment to the money for war issue – internally AFSC is concerned that the economic downturn will hinder our ability to continue to provide what we do across the world at a time when global recession may make what we do even more necessary. AFSC is planning internally to become more efficient, more cost effective – but we need all Friends of AFSC – and friends of AFSC – to dig a little deeper this year. We're going to be needed more than ever – and we need you more than ever.

Thanks – your representatives. Jana Schroeder, Phyllis Mary Martin, Tom Bennett

Please consider service on the 2010 FGC Gathering Committee – FGC

The 2010 Friends General Conference Annual Gathering will be held at Bowling Green State University in Northwestern Ohio. FGC is relying on support from Lake Erie Yearly Meeting and Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting Friends to volunteer to serve on the Gathering Committee. Service on the Gathering Committee is primarily a matter of service on one of the subcommittees. We are particularly looking for Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting Friends willing to serve on one of the following subcommittees: Worship Subcommittee, Workshop Subcommittee, and Evening Programs Subcommittee. You can read descriptions of the various subcommittees and register your interest in serving at the following URL: <http://www.fgcquaker.org/gathering/next-year>. For more information, please do not hesitate to contact Rex Sprouse (rsprouse@indiana.edu). *Rex Sprouse, Co-Clerk, 2010 FGC Gathering Committee*

2009 Yearly Meeting Program Sessions and Speakers

A Pre Session Workshop – Peace and Social Concerns Committee

A Pre Session Workshop looks at making peace a personal way of life. *See Committee Reports for details.*

Plenary Session Thursday, 7-8:30 pm , July 30

Hollister Knowlton: Right Relationship – a story of love for the planet and a journey to Gaviotas

I'll speak about how my own love for our precious fragile planet – God's creation to many – has led me on a journey. That journey has been one of both personal transformation (giving up my car, changing my diet, and my work) and of literal travel. Experiences in South Africa (as a Quaker observer at the World Summit on Sustainable Development), Costa Rica (a workcamp at Quaker-founded Finca la Bella), and Gaviotas (a sustainable community in Colombia) have shaped my call for living in right relationship with all creation. *Hollister Knowlton*



Plenary Session Friday, 7-8:30 pm, July 31

David Hartsough: Living Our Peace Testimony in the 21st Century

Exploring the Power of Active Nonviolence – in our lives and in our work for peace and social justice

I would suggest Friends read the Heeding God's Call articles in the May 09 Friends Journal – especially the Ched Myers article. If possible, I also encourage Friends to read some books, talks, and sermons of Martin Luther King and Mahatma Gandhi. (I especially recommend Martin Luther King's three sermons: Loving Your Enemies, Letter from a Birmingham Jail, and Declaration of Independence from the War in Vietnam – all in the A.J. Muste Essay Series available for \$2.00 from 339 Lafayette St., NY, NY 10012 – bulk copies available for \$1.40 each. Gandhi's All Men Are Brothers is one of my favorites. If possible, I would also suggest people look at the series which was on PBS called A Force More Powerful – available on the internet. (I will bring copies along.)



David Hartsough

Workshop Wednesday, 1-2 pm, July 29

Friendly Adult Presence (FAP) training

This program is for adults wishing to volunteer to work with children in OVYM programs, and includes information from a spiritual and legal perspective.

Workshops Thursday, 1:45-3:15, July 30

1. Hollister Knowlton: Environmental Concern – Radical Simplicity

If we truly love one another – all of humanity – and the earth, we are called to dramatically change our ways. Jim Merkel's book *Radical Simplicity* frames this workshop that reveals how we are currently sharing the earth and how, if we look at our values, we might do it differently.

2. Betsy Neale: Beyond the Birds and the Bees – Sex Ed for Parents

This workshop encourages and prepares parents for talking with their children and teens about sexual issues. Educating our children about sexuality and about loving relationships is itself a loving act. Our testimonies on equality and integrity are relevant to teaching our children how to have healthy relationships.

3. Virginia Wood: Getting Down to Work – Who Me!!

We will spend time looking at what it means to be called by leading or by others to the work of our monthly meeting and yearly meeting. What enhances service on a committee or in fulfilling other roles? Are there stumbling blocks? How can a meeting, committee members, and individual Friends live into their gifts?

4. Stan Zarowin: Alternatives to Violence – Want to Really do Good in a Prison?

Workshops Friday, 1:45-3:15, July 31

5. David Hartsough: Living Peace Testimony Today – Exploring Power of Active Nonviolence

The workshop will be on the same topic as David Hartsough's Friday Plenary Session.



Registrar's Notes:

If you have questions about registration, please contact Yoshiya Togami at imago.ty@gmail.com.

Anyone who has difficulty paying for the cost of attending Yearly Meeting should ask your monthly meeting if any assistance is available. Miami Quarterly Meeting also has funds available to support attendance at Yearly Meeting through the Cincinnati Fund. Contact Richard Mitchell at (859) 277-6101 or Susan Hyde at (937) 767-7756 for information about this resource.

Young Adult Friends and First-Time Attenders are especially welcomed to Yearly Meeting, and a **50% subsidy of all costs** will be offered to Young Adult Friends (ages 18-35) and First-Time Attenders this year!

Why do we have to pay a \$50 deposit? Earlham College requires that we let them know a guaranteed number of participants two weeks before yearly meeting begins. OVYM will have to pay the first day's meals and room for anyone who registers but does not attend. We are therefore asking for a \$50 deposit to complete the registration process. The deposit is not refundable after July 6.

Lost Keys: Earlham charges \$40 for lost keys. Anyone who loses a key will be asked to reimburse OVYM for this expense. We will again provide those handy lanyards to help keep track of keys.

Contributions toward the cost of providing the children and youth programs are greatly appreciated. Please consider if you are led to help support the Yearly Meeting's subsidy for all children and youth attending.

The Middle Youth Committee asks that committee meetings should not be scheduled during lunch on Thursday, to allow for the youth to meet with their Worship Mentors over lunch in the dining room.

Display Tables: Anyone wishing to have table space for a display **MUST** indicate this on the registration form.

Golf Carts will be available for persons needing transportation. Please check this on the registration form if needed. When you are at Earlham, you may request transportation by calling Runyan Desk (765) 983-1200.

Housing: We will again all be housed in the Mills dormitory, between Warren and Wilson. All rooms are air conditioned. There are kitchens and lounges on each floor. You can see a map of Earlham campus on the Earlham website, www.Earlham.edu (just click on "about Earlham" and then on "campus map.")

Single Rooms: Please indicate on the registration form if you need a single room, or whom you would be willing to room with. The registrar wants to make you as comfortable as possible! But **PLEASE** register early if you prefer a single room, as there are only a limited number available.

Items to bring: Earlham College does **NOT** provide linens or towels, so everyone **MUST** bring their own towel, pillow, sheets and blankets. You may want to use the following checklist:

____ Towel ____ Pillow

____ Sheets and blankets, or sleeping bags.

____ Alarm clock and reading lamp are very useful in the dorm rooms.

____ You may also want to bring snacks for evening get-togethers

____ **Middle Youth** should bring a **bicycle, bicycle lock, helmet, and water bottle.**

____ **Teens** should bring a reusable **water bottle** for the canoe trip.

____ **To help care for the earth, please bring a reusable water bottle and a cloth napkin for meals.**

Volunteers needed. Please indicate if you are willing to help with youth or those with special needs. Note that anyone who volunteers to work or drive with the youth must have appropriate training and certification, and volunteer drivers must have appropriate insurance coverage.

FAPs needed: The teen group is seeking adults who have had training as a Friendly Adult Presence (FAP) who would be willing to be scheduled for 3 hours of supervision during the night. If you are such a person, please list your name on the teen and middle youth program form. **NOTE: Training for FAPs will be offered from 1:00 to 2:00 on Wednesday if you have not had the training. Please see the registration form.**

*I'm looking forward to seeing you all!
Your registrar-in training, Yoshiya Togami*



Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting

July 29 through August 2, 2009 at Earlham College

Registration

name(s) _____ Monthly Meeting _____

e-mail _____ telephone _____

- Please check here if you would like registration confirmation by mail.
 If you would like confirmation by regular mail, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Please list the names of all of those who will attend. **Please list the ages of all minors who will be attending.** For adults, list separately the number of workshops that they will be attending on Thursday and Friday from the list below.

First and Last Name	Please give ages of youth attenders			Workshop numbers	
	Jr. 0-11	M.Y. 11-14	Teen 14-18	Thursday	Friday

Workshop Choices: Please enter workshop numbers in table above from the following choices.

Thursday

1. Environmental Concern: Hollister Knowlton
2. Sex Education for Parents: Betsy Neale
3. Called into Service: Who Me? Virginia Wood
4. Prison Alternatives to Violence Program: Stan Zarowin

Friday

5. Active Non-Violence: David Hartsough
6. Ministry on Racism: Victoria Rhodin
7. Transition from Oil Dependence: David Pilbrow
8. Bible/Faith Basis of Testimonies: Tom Mullen
9. Quotes of Early Friends in Melody: Paulette Meier

Young Adult Friends ages 18-35 are especially welcomed at Yearly Meeting! We are reserving a wing of the dorm for young adults, and YAFs will receive a 50% subsidy in costs. If you need additional financial assistance, please contact your monthly meeting. (More info on financial aid in registrar's notes.)

- Check here if you want to be housed in the young adult wing.
- Check here if you plan to attend the workshop for **Friendly Adult Presence (FAPs)** for the working with youth. This training will be offered on Wednesday from 1:00-2:00. See the bottom of page 8.
- Check here if you need child care during the FAP training workshop.
- Check here if you will need display space at YM. Topic of your display: _____

Names of attenders who are vegetarians: _____

Other dietary needs: _____

- Check here if you will need assistance with transportation (a ride on the golf cart between buildings.)

Lodging: All rooms will be air conditioned and we will all be in Mills Dormitory. **Teens** will be housed in one wing with parents nearby if possible. **Middle youth** will be in another wing, with parents or sponsors. **Register early** to make sure you get to be housed with your age group! Please indicate which family members will be in the same room:

Teens, middle youth, and adults: If there is anyone not on this form you would like to room with (or would be willing to room with) please list their names, so we can place compatible people together!

- Check here if you would prefer a single room. There are a limited number of single rooms. Register early if you want a single room, as they will be assigned on a first-come first-served basis.

Early Bird Registration fee: \$20 if Postmarked by July 6. Regular registration fee: \$30 if postmarked after July 6. This fee covers the yearly meeting's use of campus facilities including the Wellness Center, weight room, wireless internet service, staff services, and golf cart for those who need mobility assistance.

TEEN AND MIDDLE YOUTH PROGRAMS

Families: The Yearly Meeting pays all costs for children 18 years of age or younger, to encourage families to participate in the sessions. However, be sure to register all persons who will be attending, including children and babies for whom there is no charge to you. **Remember to register early to make sure teens and middle youth get to be housed with their age group!**

Middle Youth Program participants are those aged 11, 12, 13 or 14 on July 30, 2009. 11 year olds may choose either the Children's Program or the Middle Youth Program. 14 year olds may choose either the Middle Youth Program or the Teen Program. Middle youth should bring a bicycle, bicycle lock, helmet, and water bottle.

Teen Program participants are those age 14 on July 30, 2009, through those who graduated from high school in 2009. 14 year olds may choose either the Middle Youth group or the Teen group. Teens should bring a water bottle for the canoe trip.

Parents Please Note: All teens and middle youth will be housed in the same dorm with their parent(s) or a designated sponsor. **Middle youth will be housed with or next to parents.**

Parents and sponsors must agree to the following responsibilities:

1. Attend the parent/sponsor orientation meeting at 9:15 Wednesday evening.
2. Middle Youth Parents/sponsors are responsible for middle youth during all non-program times.
3. Middle Youth Parents/sponsors are responsible for getting them to their youth program on time.
4. Teen Parents/sponsors are responsible for teens after 11:00 PM except on Saturday night.
5. Make sure the 11:00 PM quiet time is honored, and that youth stay in the dorm after this time.
6. Teen parents/sponsors are responsible for monitoring the teens on your hall one night during yearly meeting after lights are out, to make sure they are quiet and in their own rooms.



FAPs needed: The teen group is seeking adults who have had training as a Friendly Adult Presence (FAP) who would be willing to be scheduled for 3 hours of supervision during the night. *See bottom of page 8.*

All Middle Youth and Teens must have a permission slip on file to participate in these programs. Please be sure to send the attached forms to the registrar with the rest of your reservation. Copy this form if registering more than one youth or teen.



TEEN & MIDDLE YOUTH REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Birthdate: _____

When will you arrive? _____

How long will you stay? _____

Parent or Sponsor: _____

(Each Middle Youth or Teen must have a parent or sponsor who agrees to the responsibilities above)

Parent/ Guardian **Consent and Medical Release:** I give my consent for _____ to participate in the Teen or Middle Youth program at the OVYM sessions held at Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana, July 29 – August 2, 2009. I hereby release the OVYM and its staff and volunteers from any liability for any injury or illness my son/daughter may experience during the Yearly Meeting. I authorize the staff or volunteers of OVYM, or the above-named sponsor, to consent to any emergency care that may be needed in my absence, following recommendations of qualified health care providers. In the event that my son/daughter needs special medications and is unable to administer them, I give permission for an adult to administer the medications. I will be responsible for any medical treatment.

Parent/guardian signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____

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6. Victoria Rhodin: Ministry on Racism

Rhodin's workshop will focus on Friends and racism. She will discuss the activities of the FGC Ministry on Racism.

7. David Pilbrow: Transition Initiatives – From Oil Dependency to Resilient Communities

From Oil Dependency to Resilient Communities: a guilt-free transition model that everyone can support. How people are beginning to come together in Britain, Australia and the U.S. to discuss grassroots development models and offer ideas to reduce carbon impact on their communities in preparation for simpler functional lifestyles that work locally.

8. Tom Mullen: Christ and Culture

This workshop will address the various ways Friends make ethical and religious decisions while continuing to be a part of the culture. How do we decide when to stand over against culture (society); when to try to transform culture; when to conform to culture; and when to withdraw from society. We will discuss biblical passages which raise the same issues, note how they connect to contemporary dilemma, ask participants to make their choices and why. The intent is to look hard at what love CAN do.

9. Paulette Meier: Quotes of Early Friends Made Memorable through Melody

Chants and songs are ancient ways to tap into the life of the Spirit, and to internalize collective wisdom from the past. Paulette will teach a collection of Quaker quotes she has put to melody in her own efforts to remember and reflect on the wisdom of early Friends. The workshop will entail group singing (inspired harmony is welcome!) as well as reflection on what is stirred by the texts. Notated versions of the quotes will be allow those who read music to more easily sing along. Many of the quotes speak to the early Quaker understanding of right action in the world coming from a deep listening for direction from the Christ Spirit within, e.g. James Naylor: "Art thou in the darkness? Mind it not, for if thou dost it will feed thee more. But stand still and act not, but wait in patience, till Light arises out darkness, and leads thee."

Saturday, 1:45-2:45, August 1

David & Virginia Wood: Living Witness

Opportunity for worship

The **Silent Center** for worship is in Stout Meeting house (open 24x7) and the Japanese Garden (ask for access at the Runyon desk).

Youth Program

Hollister Knowlton: What's my Ecological Footprint and why does it Matter?

David Hartsough: Living Peace Testimony Today – Exploring Power of Active Nonviolence

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TEEN & MIDDLE YOUTH REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Birthdate: _____

When will you arrive? _____

How long will you stay? _____

Parent or Sponsor: _____

(Each Middle Youth or Teen must have a parent or sponsor who agrees to the responsibilities above)

Parent/ Guardian **Consent and Medical Release:** I give my consent for _____ to participate in the Teen or Middle Youth program at the OVYM sessions held at Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana, July 29 – August 2, 2009. I hereby release the OVYM and its staff and volunteers from any liability for any injury or illness my son/daughter may experience during the Yearly Meeting. I authorize the staff or volunteers of OVYM, or the above-named sponsor, to consent to any emergency care that may be needed in my absence, following recommendations of qualified health care providers. In the event that my son/daughter needs special medications and is unable to administer them, I give permission for an adult to administer the medications. I will be responsible for any medical treatment.

Parent/guardian signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____

Ohio Valley YM - 189th Session, July 29-August 2nd, 2009

Living our testimonies today: Let us now see what love can do.

Adults	Teen	Middle Youth (MY)	Children
Mills	Mills	Mills	Orchard Room, Runyon Ctr.
A Pre Session Workshop – Peace and Social Concerns Committee – 10 am - 2 pm			
Wednesday – Registration 12 - 9pm – Runyon Center			<i>Site Manager: Paul Kriese</i>
1-2 pm Intro to being an FAP			childcare available
2:30-5:00 Worship & Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business	2:30 - 5:00 Get Acquainted	2:30 - 5 get acquainted, games, crafts, swim	2:30 - 5 get acquainted, games, crafts, swim
5:15 - 6:15 Dinner			
6:15 - 6:45 Singing	6:30-7:00 Schedule, program	6:30 Preparation for Get Acquainted	6:30 - 7 Children&Sponsor Orientation - meet the teachers, discuss plans
7:00- 9:00 Get Acquainted Activity - ALL AGES, and Welcoming Worship at 8:00 - MYouth Runyon Comstock Rm.			
9:15 - 10 Interest Groups	9:00 - 10 Parent, Sponsor, Teen Meeting	9-10 Parents meet with middle youth leaders and staff.	with parents
10-12 <i>Social time-near bookstore</i>	10 - 11 Teen Time in dorms	10 - Quiet time	10 - Quiet time
11 - Quiet time in dorms			
Thursday – Registration 7:30-8:00 AM, 12:15-12:45 and 5:15-5:45 PM – Runyon			<i>Site Manager: TBA</i>
7:00 - 7:30 Worship - Stout Meeting House; Walking Meditation (start from Registration)			
7:30 - 8:30 Breakfast Newcomer orientation			
8:45 - 9:45 Worship Sharing	8:45-5:00 Canoe Trip. (Adults welcome). Packed Lunch.	8:45-10:30. Worship, Hollister Knowlton, Planning.	8:45 - 9:30 Worship Sharing
10 - 12:30 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business		10:30-12:15 Bicycle safety.	9:30 - 12 Program
12:15 - 1:15 Lunch		12:15-1:15 Lunch w/ worship mentors	12:15 - 1:15 Lunch
1:45 - 3:15 Workshops †		1:30-2:30 Meet with David Hartsough	1:30 - 5
3:30 - 5 Business		2:30-5:00 bike, swim, crafts	
5:15 - 6:15 Dinner. Teens meet with David Hartsough.			
6:15 - 6:45 Singing	Gather for plenary	6:30 -8:45 Program	with parents
7 - 8:30 Plenary Session: Hollister Knowlton			6:45 - 8:45 Program
9 - 10 Interest Groups.	Teen program	9-10 with parents	9-10 with parents
10-12 <i>Social time-near bookstore</i>	10 - 11 Teen Time (dorm)	10 - Quiet time in dorms	10 - Quiet time in dorms
11 - Quiet time in dorms			
† Thursday Workshops			location
1.Hollister Knowlton: Environmental Concern			
2.Betsy Neale: Beyond the birds and the bees – Sex ed for parents			
3.Virginia Wood: Getting Down to Work – Who Me!!			
4.Stan Zarowin: Alternatives to Violence – Want to Really do Good in a Prison?			

The **Bookstore** is in the Leeds Gallery in Runyon. Coffee and **Registration** are next to it. The **exhibits** area is the corridor in Runyon. The **Silent Center** for worship is in Stout Meeting house (open 24x7) and the Japanese Garden (ask for access at the Runyon desk). **Wifi** (wireless computer network) public access is in the Runyon West side. The **simple meal** is Saturday noon, with savings donated to RSWR. **Interest groups** will be posted on the Registration bulletin board. Wellness Center use is \$4.

Adults	Teen	Middle Youth (MY)	Children
Mills	Mills	Mills	Orchard Room, Runyon Ctr.
Friday – Registration 7:30 - 8:00 AM, 12:15 - 12:45 and 5:15 - 5:45 PM			<i>Site Manager: TBA</i>
7:00 - 7:30 Worship - Stout, Walking Meditation starts from Registration			
7:30 - 8:30 Breakfast, Newcomer Orientation			
8:45 - 9:45 Worship Sharing	8:30 - 11:00 Teen program	8:45 - 5:00 Canoe Trip	8:30 - 12 Program
10 - 12:30 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business			
12:15 - 1:15 Lunch			12:15 Lunch
1:45 - 3:15 Workshops †			1:30 - 4:30 Program
3:30 - 4:30 Memorial Meeting - Stout	Teen program		
5:15 - 6:15 Dinner			
6:15 - 6:45 Hymn Singing			
7 - 8:30 Plenary Session: David Hartsough	Teen program	6:30 - 8:45 Movie	6:45 - 8:45 Program
9 - 10 Interest Groups, FCNL		with parents	with parents
10 - 12 Social time-near bookstore	10 - 11 Teen Time in dorm	10 - Quiet time in dorms	10 - Quiet time in dorms
11 - Quiet time in dorms			
† Workshops: Friday			location
5.David Hartsough: Living Peace Testimony Today – Exploring Power of Active Nonviolence			
6.Victoria Rhodin: Ministry on Racism			
7.David Pilbrow: Transition Initiatives – From Oil Dependency to Resilient Communities			
8.Tom Mullen: Christ and Culture			
9.Paulette Meier: Quotes of Early Friends Made Memorable through Melody			
Saturday – Registration 7:30 - 8:00 am; 12:15 - 12:45 pm; 5:15 - 5:45 pm			<i>Site Manager: TBA</i>
7:00 - 7:30 Worship - Stout; Walking Meditation (start from Registration)			
7:30 - 8:30 Breakfast, Newcomer orientation			
8:45 - 9:45 Worship Sharing	8:30 - 12 Program	8:30 -12 Service project	8:30 - 12 Program
10 - 12:30 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business			
12:15 - 1:15 Lunch - Simple Meal		MY: Bag Lunch	Children: Lunch - simple meal
1:15 - 2:45 Living Witness: David & Virginia Wood. Location? free time		1:15 - 4 Program	1:30 - 4:00 Program
4 p.m. - 5 p.m. Lauramore Ice Cream Social. Van shuttle leaves from parking lot.			
5:15 - 6:15 Dinner			
6:15 - 6:45 Singing			
7:00 Variety Show			7:30 - 8:30 Childcare for ages birth - 7, as needed
9 - 10 Pizza Time near bookstore. Bring copies of Rise Up Singing	9 - 10 Teen program	Pizza time	with parents
	10 -11 Teen Time	10 - Quiet time in dorm	10 - Quiet time in dorms
11 - Quiet time in dorms			
Sunday - Registration 7:30-8:00 a.m., Runyon			<i>Site Manager: TBA</i>
7:00 - 7:30 Worship - Stout; Walking Meditation (start from Registration)			
7:30 - 8:30 Breakfast, Newcomer orientation			
8:45 - 9:45 Worship Sharing	8:45 - 9:45 Closing & Epistle	8:45 - 9:45 Closing, closing appreciations & Epistle.	8:45 - 9:45 Work on Epistles and clean up
10:00 - 11:00 Business Meeting and read Epistles			
11:15 - 12:15 Worship - Stout Meetinghouse. MY sit with worship mentor			
12:30 - 2:00 Lunch and Committee Meetings - 2 p.m. Checkout			

Quarterly Meeting News

Miami Quarterly Meeting

Miami Quarterly Meeting convened on Second Month, 15th, 2009 hosted by Louisville Monthly Meeting. Nineteen representatives from constituent monthly meetings were in attendance in addition to Friends from Louisville. The program portion of the session was led by Yearly Meeting teens who were enjoying a weekend retreat in conjunction with the quarterly meeting gathering. Adults and teens engaged in a worship sharing encounter as a way of sharing ideas and thoughts relative to a spiritual and Quaker life. The depth of understanding and leadership exhibited by Yearly Meeting teens was indeed a blessing and witness for all in attendance. Incumbent officers of Quarterly Meeting agreed to another one year term: Tom Nowel, Presiding Clerk; Lonny Burger, Recording Clerk; Frank Huss, Treasurer; and Susan Hyde as a member of the Committee of Two. Representatives considered a minute which was submitted by the Yearly Meeting Earth Care Committee, 'Seeking Right Relationship With Food and Land'. Two monthly meetings had approved the minute, but representatives felt the need for more input from monthly meetings. The minute will again be considered during Fifth Month Quarterly Meeting session.

At the writing of this report, Miami Monthly Meeting is planning for Miami Quarterly Meeting on Fifth Month, 17th, 2009. The very first session of Miami Quarterly Meeting was held on Fifth Month, 13th, 1809 in a log meeting house which stood at nearly the same location of the current Red Brick Meeting House. In addition to the reading of State of Society Reports and regular business, Quarterly Meeting Friends will celebrate the 200 year anniversary of Miami Quarterly Meeting. *Tom Nowel, Presiding Clerk*

Whitewater Quarterly Meeting

Whitewater Quarterly Meeting Friends gathered at Stout Meetinghouse, Richmond, IN, on Fourth Month 18, 2009. After opening worship, greetings, and announcements, Friends received the Treasurer's report with gratitude and united with a traveling letter forwarded by Bloomington Friends introducing Rex Sprouce, who has a leading to travel under religious concern among Friends in the Midwest through Sixth Month 2010. The letter will be forwarded to Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting for consideration.

It was reported that Quarterly Meeting Nominating Committee had been able to identify the name of a Friend to bring forward to serve as Clerk of the Quarterly Meeting. The Nominating Committee planned to continue its discernment, hoping to be able to bring forward a name at a called meeting during 2009 Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting sessions.

Friends returned to consideration of a minute on agrarian living that had been brought forward by North Meadow Circle of Friends at the First Month 2009 Quarterly Meeting session. Although there was clearly a broad-based sense of sympathy for the actions outlined in the original minute, a number of concerns were expressed. Friends agreed that rather than seeking to find precise wording around which all meetings can unite, each meeting would forward its responses and recommendations to the Clerk of the Earth Care Subcommittee of the Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting Peace and Social Concerns Committee.

Reports on discussions about the Eastern Hills/Irvington concern were heard from North Meadow, Clear Creek, Lafayette, Fall Creek, and Bloomington Friends. Whitewater Quarterly Meeting Friends seek to express their love for Irvington Friends and to find further venues for dialogue and outreach. At the same time, however, Friends found that there was no unity among Whitewater Quarterly Meeting Friends to change the response to Irvington Friends' query minuted at the First Month 19, 2008 session.

Friends concluded the morning session in waiting worship.

After a lunch centered around extensive fellowship, Friends gathered again in the afternoon and heard State of the Meeting reports from Bloomington, Clear Creek, Fall Creek, Fort Wayne, Lafayette, and North Meadow Friends Meetings. It was noted that this year's State of the Meeting reports were particularly successful at conveying the spiritual conditions of the monthly meetings.

Whitewater Quarterly Meeting Friends wish to thank Clear Creek Friends Meeting for their hospitality.

The next regularly scheduled session of Whitewater Quarterly Meeting is to be held on Tenth Month 17, 2009 in Fort Wayne, IN.

submitted by Rex Sprouce

Monthly Meeting News

Community Friends Meeting

It has been a busy first quarter for Community Friends Meeting. Among other things, two of our teens are raising money and gearing up to join youth from OVYM on a 14 day wilderness trip to Alaska this summer, and Shannon Isaacs, who will be attending Kalamazoo College in the fall, has been raising money for a trip to Burundi East Africa to help build an AIDS/HIV clinic there. Anyone who wants to hear reports from Shannon can email her at shanisaacs@gmail.com. If you are interested in supporting her work financially you may send a check to AGLI, 1001 Park Ave., St. Louis, MO 63104-3720

Agnes Moon celebrated her 90th birthday at Community Friends on March 14th with a large crowd of relatives and friends. Agnes, a retired school teacher from Cincinnati Public Schools is well known to Friends throughout the region for her tireless devotion to children's education and the Quaker peace testimony. A good time was had by all.

The commitment of Community Friends to environmental issues and sustainability is well known, and several events highlighted this

during the first quarter. The Friends in Unity with Nature Committee sponsored several educational events, including bringing a minute on Seeking a Right Relationship with Food and Land to OYVM in Louisville. The committee has been active promoting local food growers and markets, and held a second hour on the natural community of plants and animals on the three acres for which the meeting exercises stewardship. In addition, Peter Seidel published a novel with Prometheus Books called A story of our future. A contemporary man wakes up in 2045 and finds a world far different from the one he knew in 2009, and disturbingly much the worse for the devastating environmental impacts our current way of life has imposed upon it. The book has been well reviewed and can be ordered directly from Prometheus Books by calling 800-421-0351. It can also be ordered at book stores or on Amazon.com.

The history of Friends in southwest Ohio was dealt with by two sessions on the history of Friends in Cincinnati by Byron Branson, and a presentation by Karen Campbell of Waynesville on Abraham Lincoln, the Civil War, and Quakers. Karen told us of Eliza Gurney's influence upon Lincoln and about the disagreements among southern Ohio Friends about how to respond to the Civil War.

Doug Burks reported a study he has completed on college and university students' attitudes towards war. He studied two Quaker Colleges, two Public Universities, a Catholic College and a Catholic university. Among other things, Doug found that students in Quaker Colleges are significantly less likely than other students to seek military solutions over peaceful solutions to conflict. Additionally, he found that a Catholic College and a Quaker college each brought about significant positive changes in students' attitudes towards peace over their college careers.

Krystin Schmidt has resigned as caretaker at Community Friends. John Sniegocki, and his wife Elizabeth Groppe shall be taking over that position. John and Elizabeth will be moving into the house soon along with their four year old son John David. John and Elizabeth are both on the faculty at Xavier University, and are looking forward to this new dimension in their ministry. Living conditions in the house have been improved this spring with the installation of a new furnace. *submitted by Tim Leonard*

Dayton Friends Meeting

Our annual Christmas program was an informal, intergenerational presentation this year and was followed by a potluck luncheon. Also this year, we continued our tradition of gathering for breakfast and worship on Easter morning.

Our members and attenders participate in activities which include fellowship and service. Our women's group continues to meet on Thursday mornings. Some of our members join with members of Mack Memorial Church of the Brethren, where we rent a room for meetings for worship, for monthly workdays to clean and to do other basic maintenance work in the church building. Also, a number of our members and attenders participated in a Dayton Dialogue on Race Relations with members of Omega Baptist Church. Sam and Pat Johnson cook for St. Vincent's homeless shelter once a month, while other members take turns in serving meals there once a month.

We had a retreat on April 4 and 5 at Quaker Hill Conference Center. We had invited Englewood Friends to join us and very much enjoyed fellowship with them. Steve Angell led discussions in which we learned about the separations in nineteenth century Quakerism.

Recent Second Hour Discussion topics included Death and Dying and most recently a presentation by representatives from the Dayton office of AFSC about immigration and refugee issues, with focus on these issues in the Dayton area. *Terri Scarpelli, correspondent*

Eastern Hills Monthly Meeting

Eastern Hills Friends continued our Easter celebration tradition this year but with a big change. In the past we have always gathered at the country home of Lyn and Dick Day for a potluck meal and various celebratory activities. Since the Days have moved to Blacksburg, VA to be near their son's family the celebration was hosted this year by Rick Boyce and Martha Viehmann at their home in the Cincinnati suburbs. A small crowd enjoyed the potluck food along with Martha's strawberry pizza for dessert, a recipe she is perfecting in hopes of winning a cooking contest. The weather was perfect for looking at the lovely wildflowers which Rick has planted, including the Virginia Bluebells which were in bloom. Finding Easter baskets that Alice Palmer had made and the children had filled and hidden was enjoyed by all.

The meeting held a 2nd hour discussion on April 5 during which Friends shared spiritually meaningful readings and explained why they had been moved by them. This encouraged a rich and interesting discussion while also helping Friends gain insights about each other. Friends also came away with ideas for reading material. All of the titles are on our website along with brief comments from the discussion. Website: www.easternhillsfriends.org

On April 11 Jason and Rachel Dean had a recommitment ceremony to celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary. They wanted to do this since they had not been married in a Quaker ceremony originally. The meeting participated by appointing an Oversight Committee to help in planning the Meeting for Worship. Several families from Eastern Hills Friends attended the ceremony followed by dinner/dancing. It was held in a lovely lodge by Sharon Woods Lake. Their children, Toby and Charlotte, seemed to enjoy the festivities as much as the adults. *submitted by Darlene Palmer*

Fall Creek Meeting

State of Meeting Report, Fall Creek Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, Fourth Month, 18th, 2009

On a typical First Day, Fall Creek Friends move from an hour of thoughtful, spirited reading and discussion of the Bible quietly into meeting for worship where we are joined by more Friends arriving for the hour of worship. After sharing warm greetings, we settle into that sweet and loving flow that passes from heart to heart between us and God. We have noticed a deepening in our meetings for worship and feel an intense connection at times, even when we are worshipping separately. All who attend are faithful in their individual spiritual work during the week, which brings passion and energy to the hour spent together. Vocal ministry arises when needed and the Spirit speaks to us, showing us truth, love, compassion and sometimes correction.

We have been taking reading and discussion of the Queries more seriously for the last several months and really taking the time to contemplate and savor them. Doing this as a spiritual practice has had a seasoning effect on us individually and certainly corporately. We are also giving the Testimonies their due, emphasizing their importance in uniting us as a community, while respecting individual understanding.

As one of our attenders recently stated, "Differences of opinion are of small matter; Love rules here". This is the current state and condition of Fall Creek Meeting - Love rules! *submitted by Diann Herzog*

Miami Monthly Meeting

The Meeting sponsored and assisted financially in Will Nowel's travel to Washington, DC during Fourth Month, 2009 to participate in the annual FCNL Friends' lobby day. Dialog and peace with Iran and the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty were topics discussed by Friends with members of Congress including Ohio Senator George Voinovich's staff. Will spoke during Adult First Day School on 5/10/09 on his experiences with national politicians during this FCNL event.

The Meeting's Advancement Committee is in the final stages of planning and design of its own actively maintained web site, plans for which include calendar of events, contacts page, a number of pages on the history of the Meeting, and a welcome page. Once finished, the web site will be available from a link on the Quaker.org page for monthly meetings.

The Ministry and Oversight Committee continues to receive letters requesting consideration for membership in the Meeting, the most recent coming from Margaret R. Schorreck requesting membership in Miami Monthly Meeting.

Miami Quarterly Meeting celebrated its bicentennial at Miami Monthly Meeting, almost 200 years to the day of its inception. The history of the Quarterly Meeting was highlighted and historic men's and women's meeting minutes were read. The balance of the meeting for business was taken up by the Statement of the Society reports.

The dedication of the Quiet Room / Chapel at Quaker Heights Care Community was held on 5/14/09 with a number of area clergy in attendance to share words of dedication for the facility. *submitted by Lawrence Burger*

Yellow Springs Meeting

The news from Yellow Springs is much about our place of meeting. Rockford Chapel was given to Antioch College in 1930 with the provision that it always be available for a Friends meeting. As time moved on, the College used it less and Friends used it more. The Meeting paid for an addition that more than doubled the size of the building. When the College was succeeded by Antioch University, the University became the landlord, providing certain services, for which the Meeting paid a dollar a year. With the closure of the College, the University was unable or unwilling to provide the services called for in the lease. So the lease was broken.

Richard Eastman obtained an appraisal of the building. We found that the appraised value of the building was substantially less than what we had invested in it. With these figures in hand, we approached the University and offered to buy Rockford for one dollar! We are awaiting the answer, which may not come until title to the campus is transferred to the restored Antioch College. Meanwhile, on good advice, the Meeting is now incorporated.

Chris and Janeal Ravndal transferred their membership to Yellow Springs Meeting. Terry Snider spent several months in Arizona, supporting the traditional Navajo who are resisting efforts by Peabody Coal to mine their grazing lands. Irwin Abrams is now in the Friends Care Center. Friends gather with him for worship on Sunday afternoons. On May 23, Friends will care for the wedding of Mansir Petrie and Daphne Sorenson. *Carl Hyde, correspondent*

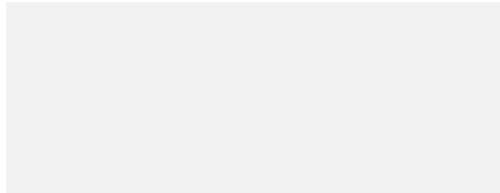
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What you are offered are five days of spiritual refreshment, intellectual stimulation, and an opportunity to make new (F)riendships and renew old ones as Friends of Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting's monthly meetings gather at Earlham College to participate in activities designed to support and sustain the spiritual lives of yearly meeting Quakers.

As a member of your monthly meeting, you are also a member of the yearly meeting where members and attenders are warmly invited to participate in the 2009 yearly meeting sessions.

Friends from Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky gather for two to five days, depending upon employment and other commitments, with attendance swelling as Friends arrive for Friday evening, Saturday, and Sunday morning sessions. Program offerings include two evening plenary sessions with a major address on both Thursday and Friday evening. Four or five different workshops, offered every afternoon, address an array of Quakerly issues and concerns, provide much food for thought and discussion.

Shared meals with other attendees provide informal opportunity to share ideas, experiences, and extended discussion beyond the workshops and business sessions.

The Yearly Meeting bookstore offers opportunity to examine books for sale by and about Quakers and Quakerism not commonly found in a single location; included are those authored and/or chosen by plenary speakers.

Any Friend with a special interest is encouraged to schedule a special interest group session that may be held any evening following an evening's major activity. Schedule your event upon arrival.

For youth and teenagers, separate recreational opportunities abound for canoeing, bicycle trips, and swimming interspersed with content loaded interactive programming to encourage young people to think, listen to and exchange ideas with peers and adult leaders about their lives and religious faith. Baby sitting, preschool and elementary age offerings are also included. During the week each age group helps prepare several acts for the Saturday evening talent show, enjoyed by Friends young and old.

Opportunities abound for worship sharing, viewing exhibits, group singing, and alternate worship. Meeting for worship with a concern for business is at the heart of morning activity alternating with afternoon workshop sessions.

For more info: Paul Kriese 765-966-9286 or pkriese@IUE.edu. After June 1, registration details at: www.quaker.org/ovym

(Earlham College has no yearly meeting information and asks not to be contacted, please.)