

nati. Quaker history in that area is very rich; also on the site is a Friends cemetery, a second “Red meetinghouse” used during the Hicksite schism, and Quaker Heights, a gorgeous and growing senior care facility operated as a ministry of Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting.

The workshop theme was “Face to Face: Paths to Peace” and about fifty Friends attended. Our own Elizabeth Mertic was a panelist. We heard from several Friends who had attended the called FWCC conference on Peace Witness in Greensboro this past January. Smaller working groups shared worship over and discussion of queries related to the Peace Testimony. At the end of the day the whole group reconvened and developed a list of concerns and ways forward. Here are some of the items from that list.

- To keep our witnessing active, Monthly meetings can have worship sharing on “What is the peace testimony?”
- We can redefine and expand the definition of peacemaking, to include local as well as remote areas and countering all forms of oppression
- We must involve youth in this issue: what if there were a draft tomorrow? We need to have support networks ready for youth.
- Try “adopt-a-Conscientious Objector” (correspondence, legal defense)
- Offer clearness committees on registration for 18-year-olds
- Develop ways to provide an alternative, balancing voice to the militaristic messages youth often get at school and in the media
- We need to train anti-draft counselors now and be ready to work with both male and female resisters
- If we open draft counseling centers to the public, it can work as outreach
- We can provide alternate, international information sources to social studies teachers (example: World Press Review)
- We can have inter-meeting activities to share resources among Friends
- We can network with other local churches

and share our Quaker resources with them

- We can invite members of other peace churches to our Yearly Meeting peace workshops

Resources are available: FCNL has a Peace Primer to study; organizations have websites with resources —Every Church a Peace Church (www.ecapc.org), Christian Peace-maker Teams (www.cpt.org), and the Center on Conscience and War (www.nisbco.org). Indiana Yearly Meeting has provided an excellent draft counseling handbook to its monthly meetings, which is available for \$20 to \$25.

Friends were reminded that we must relinquish outcomes, and instead keep the faith and work steadily with an understanding that it will take years or generations before we see the effects of our labors. Indeed, we can leave off striving (with its risk of “burn-out”) and simply remain open to use by God, in our own homes and neighborhoods. In this and other ways, the practice of listening is fundamental to the Peace testimony.

FWCC Midwest Regional Meeting

By Elizabeth Mertic

(From a report prepared for Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting)

On Saturday, 20 September 2003, Ohio Valley Friends welcomed Friends from nine different yearly meetings to focus on the theme “Face to Face : Paths to Peace.” Miami Monthly Meeting, located in Waynesville, Ohio, opened their meetinghouse (known locally as the White Meetinghouse, dating from 1811) to us and provided meals for over 40 Friends from Illinois, Indiana, Ohio Valley, Western, Lake Erie, Ohio, Wilmington, Intermountain, and New England Yearly Meetings.

In the morning we heard from an excellent panel of attendees at the FWCC Greensboro Conference last January, "Friends' Peace Witness in a Time of Crisis." Aase Loescher of Western and Ohio Valley Yearly Meetings, Shane Kirkpatrick and Anna Crumley-Effinger of Indiana Yearly Meeting, Sadie Forsythe of New England Yearly Meeting, and Elizabeth Mertic of Illinois Yearly Meeting all gave presentations on how the peace conference has changed their lives, and what local meetings can gain from the peace conference. Most of the presentations (or summaries of what was said) are available in written form through the FWCC Midwest Office.

The morning panel was followed by small worship-sharing groups responding to the query, "How has the Friends Peace Testimony changed, influenced, or affected your life?" In the afternoon the same small groups came back together for a discussion on "How can the Friends' Peace Testimony change the world? How has it done so already, what have you experienced corporately, what do you hope for it in the future?" We then gathered back together for reports from the small groups and brainstorming on next steps in peace-building for our meetings and resources in our region. One major concern that emerged is the onslaught of military propaganda and cultural pressure our young Friends receive daily, and a need to start early, provide choices, and help young Friends when making career decisions. We invite Friends to contact the FWCC Midwest Office for help in offering and finding resources for local meetings.

There was also time in the afternoon for an update on FWCC activities and opportunities in the Section of the Americas and the Midwest Region. Elizabeth Mertic (clerk of the Section of the Americas), Bill Medlin (clerk of the Midwest Region), and Susan Lee Barton (Midwest Regional Field Secretary) gave the report. A printed Midwest report is available.

Lunch was served in the community room of the new assisted living wing of Quaker Heights, as a way for everyone to get a glimpse of the facilities there. Milton Cook, of Miami Monthly Meeting led a tour of the Friends' Home museum; a self-guided historical walking tour of Waynesville was available in addition.

A children's program was provided; in the afternoon the children visited the civil war reenactment at Pioneer Village where Friends from Wilmington Yearly Meeting (Miami-Center Quarterly Meeting) were maintaining a peaceful presence and performing a skit in the historical meetinghouse there.

Fifteen Friends stayed for supper in the red brick meetinghouse. Afterwards there was singing from the FGC hymnal plus a sampling of Friends' songs in Spanish, Kiswahili, and Aymara.

IYM Friends Dawn Amos, Sue Kempfer and Elizabeth Mertic attended the gathering.

Save Labels and Box Tops for Choctaw Friends Center

By Grayce Haworth Mesner



Here in Lacon we have been saving Campbell's Labels and Box Tops for Education for years for our local schools. This year the schools are not taking the soup labels, so we are saving them instead for the Choctaw Friends Center.

Please announce to your meetings that the soup labels and Box Tops for Education can be used! Put up a box for people to toss them into. Mail them to the center, or get them to Clear Creek every time someone goes there. The Center address is - P.O. Box 449, McIntosh, AL 36553. For UPS and similar delivery methods, use the address 449 Sank

Town Rd., McIntosh, AL 36553.

When turning in Campbell's Labels and other participating products, cut off the back — they only need the front, showing the weight and what the contents were. Participating products are - Campbell's soups and beans, Franco-American gravies and pasta, V-8 juices and Swanson broths. Participating products will have a picture of a small pencil with the words "Campbell's Labels for Education" on it.

For other ways you can help this center, contact them! Phone or fax: 251-829-6507, email: mcfriendsa@aol.com or mail to above address.

Olney Report

By Grayce Haworth Mesmer

At the June 6, 2003, Alumni Meeting before a crowded Stillwater Meeting House, Olney's National Campaign Committee co-clerks, Dottie (Stratton) Churchwell, '59 and Dick Emmons, '49, gratefully announced that the Renewal from the Roots \$2,000,000 campaign goal had been reached two years ahead of schedule. Thanks were expressed to the 748 donors and 62 volunteers who made the campaign such a success.

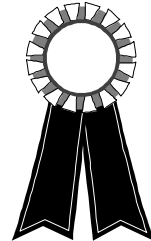
The following information was taken from the "Olney E-News Edition 1" (9-13-03) The school year is off to a very good start with 66 students coming from 16 different states (Illinois not included!), Serbia, Colombia, Ecuador, Ukraine, Rwanda, Costa Rica, Palestine, Korea, Sri Lanka, Japan and Canada. Fourteen of these students have family members who graduated from Olney. One weekend they celebrated Spud Fest.

Staff and students harvested the potato crop that was planted last spring by students and staff. This was followed by spud catapult and Mr. Potato Head contests.

The gardening class is bringing in fresh pro-

duce for use in the kitchen on a daily basis. The students in that class made a recent trip to a cannery in Athens, OH, where they were able to can dozens of quarts of their Olney tomatoes for winter sauces and salsas. The Environmental Science class spent a day at the Farm Science Review near Columbus.

At this event, Don Guindon, farm manager, accepted an award honoring the Olney Farm Science farm as one of Ohio's Conservation Farms of the year. This award is given to only five farms per year based on usage of new and traditional conservation techniques and willingness to share these practices with other farmers and the general public. One of the aspects of the farm that impressed the judges was how Olney uses the environmental science classes.



Homecoming was Oct. 17-19; Parents Day is Nov. 22; Thanksgiving Break is Nov. 22-30; Christmas Vacation is Dec. 20 - Jan. 4. For more information you can contact the school at: alumni@olneyfriends.org or: mainoffice@olneyfriends.org Mail to: Olney Friends School, Barnesville, OH 43713 Phone: 740-425-3655.

Update from Project Lakota

By Candy Boyd

Greg Woods is off to college at Earlham (yes!), so Project Lakota is dancing a little slower this fall, but Greg is still consulting/working with the project to the extent his schedule allows. His new email is woodsgr@earlham.edu; his dorm phone is 765-973-2785 and his cell phone is still 573-645-0687. Candy's new email is candyboydwrite@yahoo.com; cell phone 314-623-7829, and home phone 520-212-4696.

It's still amazing to me, but Project Lakota (with the help of F/friends), in its second and third years of operation, has actually built to

completion a three bedroom log home for the One Feather family on the Lakota Nation reservation of Pine Ridge. Of course, Gerald and Ingrid One Feather actually built the home and are financing much of it; their "tiospaye" (extended family clan) helped and did much of the upfront organizing; it would have been impossible to do it without the Oglala Sioux Tribe Partnership for Housing who provided upfront financing and contracting help; and the American Friends Service Committee - Intermountain Yearly Meeting Joint Service Project helped coordinate the project and provided LOTS of volunteer labor. Special thanks to 57th Street Meeting who provided financial support, and Brad Lyttle — who did some sorely needed plumbing this summer.

Many other F/friends with Illinois Yearly Meeting connections joined us this summer from as far away as Seattle and Philadelphia. (Greg took his first airline trip as Philly was just a bit far to drive). This log cabin project would not have been possible without the support of Friends like you! Thanks to your spiritual and financial support, a dream has come true and a vision is coming to fruition.

The vision is another 17 log cabins for the other families in the tiospaye. Bobbi Trist and Ellen Baranowski also came up this summer, and that week we worked on Mercy Iron Crow's home. We finished up the drywall in the basement, rehung the bathroom door which had been hung backwards, hung two strong storm/screen doors, cleaned and stained the wood on the porches, and built an outhouse as an extra bathroom for summer visitors. Over the course of the summer, we also helped dig footers for building jigs for the next 10 homes for Self-Help Housing/Partnership for Housing, and we finished up the drywall taping and mudding for one of their already built homes. We also helped Norma Rendon hang siding on her Habitat for Humanity house, and donated plumbing supplies to Running Strong with

American Indian Youth to put a residential loft in the top of the equipment barn we helped build last year. Through networking with Friends and other organizations, progress is being made with Lakota Nation housing -- one home at a time.

Young and old F/friends who join us from year to year are getting experience with different types of home construction — from standard woodframe homes with 2' x 4's and plywood to the timberframe post-and-beam equipment barn to log cabins. Also, the boys helped create a skate park this summer in Pine Ridge.

Project Lakota provided over \$5,500 in financial assistance this summer for F/friends to come and work on the reservation. So much remains to be done, but we have the vision and it's happening. Already this fall, without Greg or I doing very much fundraising (I've been busy with accounting/prepping for audit, Greg busy with college), the following miracles have spontaneously occurred: 1) International Partners in Mission have committed to try to raise another \$2500 for us next year, 2) Philadelphia Yearly Meeting's Indian Committee is going to give us another \$1000, 3) Huntsville, Alabama, Friends Meeting had a yard sale and raised over \$1000 to help pay for the heating unit for the One Feather cabin, 4) Bobbi and Ellen are helping with fundraising and want to raise \$1000 with their \$1000 match, wow!, and 5) individual donations keep coming in.

Miracles have been achieved, the impossible takes a little longer. Keep holding those Lakota homes in the light, and many thanks!

Respectfully, Candy Boyd

p.s. If anyone wants to see any financial statements, please send me your snail mail in an email.

Project Lakota: At Work in South Dakota

By Bobbi Trist

This past summer, Ellen Baranowski and I participated for the second year in the AFSC-IYM Joint Service Project on the Pine Ridge Reservation, working on housing. The hospitality shown us by our "site host," Mercy Iron Crow, and her family, plus the wonderful church group we worked with from MA, made it a very meaningful experience. Project Lakota was started by two of our own, Greg Woods from Columbia Meeting, and Candy Boyd from St. Louis. (Candy, in fact, has sold her house and dedicated her life to this work.)

Ellen and I would like to encourage support of Project Lakota. In order to encourage other Friends to support this work, we will match the first \$1000 of donations to our appeal. Friends can write checks to Columbia Friends Meeting with "Project Lakota" on the memo line and send them to treasurer Karen Shippen, 2635 Sue Drive, Jefferson City, MO 65109. To activate our matching, you just need to let Karen know that a gift is in response to "Bobbi and Ellen."

During our stay, Candy, Ellen, and I took our van to Rapid City to buy materials for the work camp with Project Lakota money. Even the smallest amount can help. \$1 buys a box of nails, for instance, \$2 a box of screws or a 2x4 stud, while \$3 buys a set of paint brushes or a pair of Phillips drill bits and \$5 buys a set of latrine door hinges, a 4x4 post, or a pack of paint roller covers. \$11 buys a sheet of OSB or a gallon of deck cleaner, while \$14 buys tarpaper for the latrine roof or two shovels for digging the latrine. At the other end of the scale, \$80 buys a 5-gallon pail of deck paint and \$200 pays for an insulated storm door with upper and lower spring arms against the relentless wind. Besides materials, \$250 funds a project

participant for a week; \$300 funds one with transportation from Denver.

At the end of the work camp, Ellen and I visited Mercy's daughter, Dainna Red Owl, at her mobile home. It was badly damaged in a tornado two years ago and the results were shocking. The outer and inner walls had become separated, letting in water and allowing mold to grow unchecked between them. Dainna and two of her four children have asthma, which is exacerbated by the mold. One of the two bathrooms was unusable as a bathroom because of electrical and plumbing problems. A fire had started in one of the outlets. Neither outer door had storm doors, and the doors themselves were in bad shape. She had no screens on the windows and no air conditioning. South Dakota, as you may know, has an extreme climate:

blisteringly hot in summer and bitterly cold in winter. After the tornado damaged the trailer skirting the family had to remove it. This now leaves the pipes beneath exposed, contributing to their annual freeze, leaving the family without water for two months every winter. They carry water and shower at a sister's apartment in town.

Since the mobile home actually belongs to the family, but is on school (tribal) land, the tribe will not help with repairs. Dainna showed us all this damage, but all she really asked for was two storm doors! One might think they'd be better off hauling the trailer away and starting over, but that is not financially feasible. From our observations, this is also pretty typical of much of the housing on the reservation. Dainna has been on the tribal housing waiting list for seven years: only a medium wait!

Mercy and Dainna generously allowed us to use their full names for this appeal. (We have pictures, as well.) Getting to know Mercy and her warm and welcoming family and going to three celebrations on the reservation gave me a



real sense of personal connectedness to our human family there and a profound sense of the great injustices they continue to suffer. I could go on forever, but I hope Friends will ask me when they see me, or better yet, join the Joint Service Project for a week and experience it for yourself. And don't hesitate to ask for scholarship funds if you need them! That's what Project Lakota is for, in part.

**FCNL Native American
Issues Program
Resumes
from FCNL Info Line
10/13/03**

By Joe Volk, Executive Secretary Friends Committee on National Legislation



We are pleased to announce that FCNL (Friends Committee on National Legislation) has concluded the temporary pause in Native American program work. Our program evaluation and assessment of future needs has been accomplished. We especially want to thank you for your suggestions and comments about the strengths of our previous program work and ways to enhance FCNL's future contributions to legislative work on Native America issues.

Our evaluation and assessment resulted in a plan to further upgrade the staffing for FCNL's Native American program. You will recall that, going back ten years or more, FCNL's Native American Advocacy program was developed and sustained through the work of talented legislative interns, under the guidance of one of our lobbyists. Then we gradually increased the level of attention from full-time intern, to Legislative Assistant, to Legislative Associate, and now a full time lobbyist with an intern.

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Patricia Powers to the position of Legislative Secretary for Native American Advocacy. We welcomed her to work early this fall. Pat has previously worked for the University of Mary-

land School of Social Work, AARP's Public Policy Institute, the National Public Law Training Program, and Public Citizen. She has co-authored "Community Practice" (Oxford University Press), a textbook about how to better our society.

Pat has been consulting with former FCNL staff on Native American issues, Aura Kanegis and Cindy Darcy, as she begins the work. Their advice and experience have proved to be invaluable. She has begun monitoring current legislation. Pat is also getting ready to resume publication of FCNL's quarterly Indian Report and periodic posting of the Native American Legislative Updates (the NALU). In the future, in order to access the Indian report go to www.fcnl.org/now/indian/nativeamerican_index.php. If you would like to sign up for the NALU go to www.fcnl.org/listserv/quaker_issues.php. These should be up and running starting January 2004.

Pat is assisted by a legislative intern, Derek Gilliam. Derek is a recent graduate of Wake Forest University. He interned at the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) the summer of 2002. Derek will support Pat's work with research and writing projects and careful monitoring of congressional processes.

Again, thank you for your continuing support and participation in FCNL's Native American Advocacy program work. Look for our postings and publications starting January 2004 or sooner.

In upgrading FCNL's staffing for the Native American Program, we have taken a financial risk, but the current assaults by some in Congress on policies for Native Americans seemed to us to demand a strengthened FCNL response. We depend on your financial support and on your volunteering for legislative education and action to make our program work.



Support for Caregivers

Do caregivers in your meeting sometimes find themselves called on to deal with situations that are outside their zone of comfort and experience? How can meetings deepen our capacity to respond to the needs of our members?



Friends' time honored process is to learn from more experienced Friends. For 10 years *Pastoral Care Newsletter* has brought the wisdom of experienced Quaker caregivers to meetings around North America. In a recent reader survey one respondent wrote: "This is a very important resource for Care and Counsel in so many areas that come under its charge. It's the first resource we turn to when a new pastoral care situation comes up."

You can invite *Pastoral Care Newsletter* to bring the support of seasoned Friends to caregivers in your meeting. Four issues per year. Single subscriptions are \$10.75, reduced if you buy copies for all members of the caregiving committee in your meeting. **Sample copy and subscription information:** PCN 1515 Cherry Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102, (215)241-7068, or steveg@pym.org.

Thoughtful writing:

The Road to Quakerism

By Mariellen Gilpin

My Latin teacher told me about a Quaker college nearby. Quakers! I thought, remembering the book about Quaker children on the frontier. I was immediately interested in finding out how modern Quakers lived. Mommy and I visited the college the summer before my junior year. We both thought the campus was beautiful, and

I enjoyed the students I met; they seemed very genuine. But the Quaker meetinghouse on the campus sold me on the college. I saw the meeting room with its bare walls and high clear glass windows, letting in lots of natural light and showing the treetops nearby. I thought, "I'd like to go to worship here." The student guide explained there was no sermon and no minister, and I liked the idea of being totally responsible for my spiritual life: if I didn't have a good worship experience, it was my own fault and nobody else's.

The college did not disappoint me. I blossomed in a school where it was not considered uncool to be interested in learning. For the first time in my life, I had friends my own age, and I could be 18 instead of 18 going on 55. I got to know well several of my professors, who encouraged me even though I was a woman -- this was the anti-intellectual, anti-feminist fifties, and yet there was at least one college that took intelligent women seriously.

I loved what I learned about Quakerism in the college. I particularly loved the idea of letting the Spirit move: of listening to my Inward Teacher, who would by gentle promptings show me what God wanted me to do. Who was the Inward Teacher? The spark of God's essential nature that dwelt within each of us, even in me, even in the world's worst criminal. If I listened to the Inner Guide, I would learn it was never right to kill other humans. They had the spark of God in them, and I should try to fan that spark into flame rather than kill it off.

Quakers believed that there should be no speaking in worship that was not Spirit-led. I sat in silent worship my first Sunday morning in college, eagerly waiting for someone to be moved by God to speak. What would it be like? What would the person say? The silence was restless at first as people settled into their seats, put cough drops in their mouths, nodded to friends. Then, quite suddenly, the silence deepened. Time deepened somehow, too. We waited in the

silence. A man across the room from me stood up. It really was happening! God had selected someone and given him a message! The man was brief: "I have learned that prayer and scientific experimentation are the same in method if not in concept." He sat down. The miracle had happened.

I grappled with the speaker's few words in ways that had never happened during sermons. In the silence I thought, "If prayer is like a scientific experiment, that means we're supposed to try things when we pray, and observe the results. It means we make mistakes. But it's okay to make mistakes if we learn from them. Are you supposed to form hypotheses about how to pray, and then pray that way, and see what happens? Does that mean there's no one right way to pray?" Then someone shook hands, and worship was over.

Silent meetings became a training ground for living a Spirit-led life. I was, after all, the daughter of a speech and drama coach, accustomed to speaking in front of groups. How was I to know whether a message came to me from God, or from my own gift of gab? I labored for many months, trying to answer my own question. I sought within: what would it feel like to be moved to speak in worship? Sometimes a thought would come to me, and I wondered, "Is this it?" I would try to form the thought into words. Then, quietly, the idea would dissolve. I wondered if I'd begun to woolgather, but I came to realize if an idea dissolves during worship, it probably isn't supposed to be shared during worship.

And sometimes the idea would come, along with the words, and it would simply somehow be clear the message was not what God wanted. Finally the miracle happened to me: early in worship I thought of a funny story. "Jokes aren't appropriate in worship!" I thought, scandalized. I immediately sent my mind to think about higher things. Later in worship, someone rose and asked a question -- and I realized my

joke had a very deep point which was the answer to the person's question. I rose, told my story, waited for the ripple of laughter to die down, made my point, and sat down. After worship the man seated in front of me turned, gave me a look that spoke volumes, and shook my hand. I knew I had been moved — and the joke had been given before the question made it clear to me I had been moved.

Those early experiences of Quaker worship gave me a method for growing in the Lord: experiment, listen to the silence behind the words, wait on the Lord, observe, draw tentative conclusions, experiment, observe. It's an approach I still practice, almost 50 years later. At the time, I simply was coming to understand I wanted to be a Quaker. And I should wait for the Spirit to move when and where and how I would become one.

Book Reviews:

Climate Change in the Great Lakes Region

By Roy C. Treadway

Those of us who joined the Illinois Yearly Meeting Environmental Concerns Committee retreat at the Dickson Mounds Native American site this September learned first hand about the effect of climate change on a human population. The Mississippian Native Americans who lived at that site and developed a complex culture 1000 to 600 years ago disappeared from that area somewhat mysteriously. Some archeologists believe "that small, but significant, shifts in climatic conditions, increased disputes, and external warfare, or deterioration of local environmental conditions through over-exploitation may have been important in this event."² The 92-page report by The Union of Concerned Scientists and The Ecological Society of America *Confronting Climate Change in the Great Lakes*

Region: Impacts on Our Communities and Ecosystems discusses climate change in the Great Lakes region that appears to be going on now, its impacts on another human population – us – and on related animal and plants species, and actions we can take now to mitigate the likely effect of such change. With what is happening around us in the region of Illinois Yearly Meeting, it is timely reading.

This well-documented and richly-illustrated report focuses first on the evidence that climate change or global warming is indeed occurring. Increasing average temperatures over the past century provide only partial evidence of a long-term, not just short-term, trend; earlier ice melts of lakes in the spring or later frosts in the autumn give other evidence of significant climate change. Not only are *average* temperatures and dates changing significantly, but more importantly the *variation* in temperature and particularly precipitation is becoming more extreme. Heavy rains and droughts are taking place more frequently, with significant impacts on our lives. “Evidence strongly suggests that current climate change is being driven by increasing atmospheric concentrations of greenhouse gases,” brought about by human activities.

The report goes into detail about the likely impact on our lives if the current trends continue. The Illinois climate will be more like northern Texas by 2095. The effects, however, will be complicated with many, not totally understood, interactions between, for instance, the chemicals of the air and water, such as, oxygen, carbon dioxide, nitrogen, methane, nitrous oxide, ozone, and the acidity of soil. The long terms effects on birds, insects, amphibians, trees, and agricultural plants will depend on the timing of events with climate change; for instance, what is the effect on the migration of birds, which is based on length of day, when trees bud out and the insects (that the birds eat) hatch depend on warm temperatures which will come earlier in the spring? How will all of this affect agriculture or tourism, important economically for Illi-

nois, if the winters are warmer with more precipitation (and floods) and the summer hotter and drier? The report describes the complexity of all these interactions.

The final chapter discusses in some detail what we can do about slowing global warming. Many of the suggestions are not new to us: reducing emissions, increasing energy efficiency in our homes and transportation, boosting the use of renewable energy, growing more vegetation with less pavement, avoiding waste, and recycling. As a yearly meeting, we can be certain that our new dormitory-dining building incorporates features that minimizes energy use and pollution. The implication that the actions of each of us are important and crucial in the long term prospects of our society and world are dramatically illustrated in this report.

The report, a four- page summary for Illinois, and a four-page summary of “Global Warming Solutions” are available from the Union for Concerned Scientists’ website:
www.ucsusa.org/greatlakes or 617-547-5552.

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Raising Conscientious Objector Consciousness Among Our Youth

By Bob Wixom

Quaker Press of Friends General Conference has a new study guide for Young Friends. C.Torell and A. Carlton (Chapel Hill Friends Meeting, 2003), have written an excellent guide for Young Friends groups, seminars or weekend retreats. The six lessons in this 39 page loose-leaf book, *Raising Conscientious Objector Consciousness Among Our Youth*, are intended to prepare young men and women to consider whether they feel a leading to be a C.O. Each lesson takes about an hour and has an introduction, overview, two group exercises, a discussion period, summary and closing. The six lessons focus on:

1. Panel presentations: experiences of previous COs
2. A "Mock Draft Board" Examination
3. Responding to CO questions and reviewing some procedures for registering such a claim
4. Visit to a military base or military museum
5. A reverse "mock draft board"
6. Special session for 18 year-olds who wish to declare CO status

These lessons are supplemented with a list of organizations, a short list of related articles and ten hand-outs.

IYM Peace Resource Committee is preparing a peace literature packet and peace resource bibliography for monthly meetings.