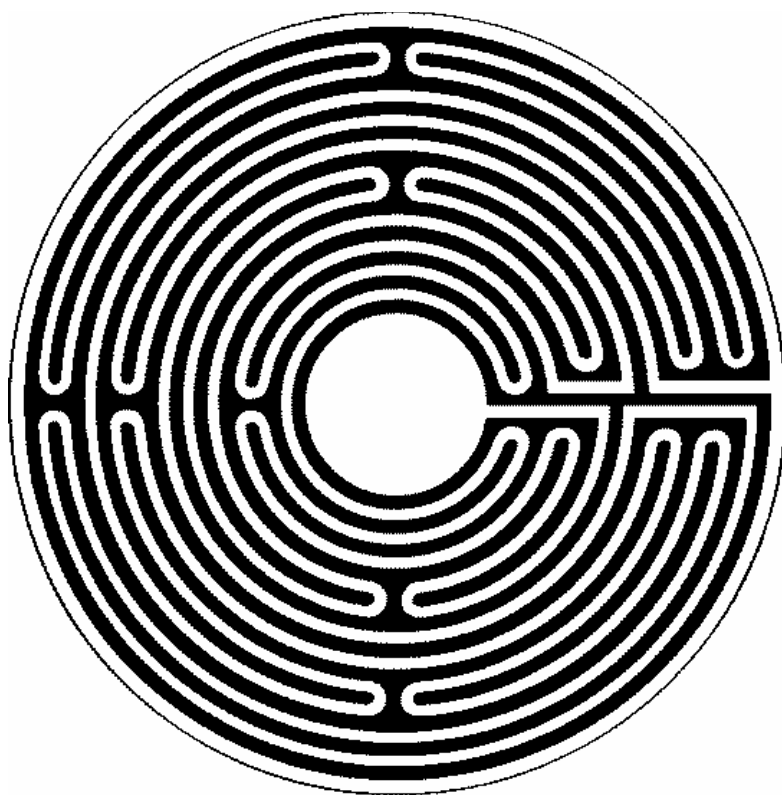


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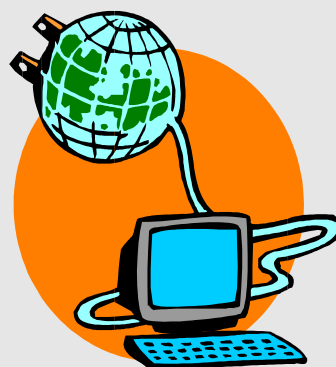
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From the Editor:

Change is the focus for many Quakers today — change in monthly meetings, change in Illinois Yearly Meeting, and change for the world. This issue reflects the many ways that Quakers are involved in these changes.

Pray for peace for all and may we continue to grow,
Cindy Reynolds



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Ariadne's Thread By Maurine Pyle

Penelope Wright, our Friends General Conference visitor to the IYM summer session, has sent word that she will be

bringing a labyrinth with her. Composed of rope and held down on the grass by nails, it will provide a meditative, prayerful walk for those desiring to deepen their relationship with God who dwells within and inclined to follow its convolution. This image has set me thinking of another labyrinth tale of the Greek hero Theseus, who was offered as tribute to King Minos of Crete and as a human sacrifice to his Minotaur, hidden in a labyrinth. Although the hero slayed the monster, he was still faced with the challenge of escaping the labyrinth. Fortunately, he was aided by the king's daughter Ariadne, who gave him a thread which, as it unwound, guided Theseus out of the labyrinth.

Like the hero in this story, our community is finding its way toward the future, led by the guiding thread of the leadings of the Spirit. As we face our own convoluted times and difficult decisions, let us follow with assurance the godly thread, step by step, until we find ourselves in the sunlight.

IYM 2004 Schedule *Building Communities of Peace* **July 28 – August 1, 2004**

WEDNESDAY:

Noon – 6:00	Registration
2:00-3:30	Opening Session: Worship & Business Meeting
3:30-6:00	Free time/committee meetings
5:30-6:00	Singing on front porch Early supper for children kitchen volunteers
6:00-7:00	Dinner
7:30-9:00	Service Project for Kids
7:30-8:45	Keynote Address by Mary Lord

9:00	New attenders Meeting (Registration table)
9:00 - 9:30	Registration desk open
9:00-9:45	Snacks

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY:

6:30 - 7 am	Early Meeting for Worship
6:45 - 7:45	Breakfast
7:30	New Attenders Meeting on Sat. (Registration table)
8:00 - 8:45	Meeting for Worship (Memorials are read)
9:00 - 12:00	Meeting for Business / FUN Program for children
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch
1:30 - 4:00	Craft Tent/Recreation for children (specifics TBA)
1:30 - 2:15	Worship Sharing Groups
2:30 - 3:45	Workshops
3:45 - 6:15	Free time/committee meetings
5:00 - 6:00	Registration desk open
5:30 - 6:00	Singing on front porch Early supper for children, kitchen volunteers
6:00 - 7:00	Dinner

THURSDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING:

7:30 - 8:45	Address by David Westling
7:30 - 9:00	Campfire and hayride
9:00 - 9:45	Snacks

FRIDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING:

All afternoon	Bike Trip (led by Environmental Concerns committee)
3:45	Women's Theology Group
	Meeting for worship, business and discussion
7:30 - 8:00	Registration desk open
7:45 - 10	Dancing on front lawn
9:00 - 9:45	Watermelon served outside during dancing

SATURDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING:

4:00	Area Planning Groups meet
4:30 - 5:30	Variety Show
7:30 - 9:00	Young Friends movies
7:30 - 8:45	Address by Christopher Sammons
9:00 - 9:45	Snacks

SUNDAY

6:30 - 7:30	Early Meeting for Worship
7:30 - 8:30	Breakfast
8:30 - 9:00	Registration desk open
10:00 - 11:00	Plummer Lecture by Janet Means Underhill
11:30 - 12:30	Meeting for Worship
12:30 - 1:30	Lunch
1:30	Cleanup and Farewells

High School Friends Schedule

Wednesday / 7:00 p.m./Introductory meeting with parents/sponsors and High School Friends (HSF)

Thursday

9:00 a.m. Meeting for Worship; Meeting for Worship for Business in the Fox Hole
10:00 a.m. #1 Workshop
11:00 a.m. #2 Workshop
Afternoon / Adult worship sharing group or workshop
Dinner / Setup, serve and cleanup of dinner
Evening / 7:30 – 9:00 / Campfire and hayride

Friday

9:00 a.m. Meeting for Worship; Meeting for Worship for Business in the Fox Hole
10:00 a.m. Leave for park
Afternoon /bike trip
Evening / Dancing on the Lawn

Saturday

8:45 a.m. in the Fox Hole for Epistle approval.
Adult Meeting for Worship for Business to deliver the Epistle
10:00 a.m. #3 Workshop
11:00 a.m. #4 Workshop
Afternoon /Talent Show
Evening /Final Night

Sunday

Morning / Cleanup of the Fox Hole, Meeting for Worship, Plummer Lecture

Expectations For High School Friends at IYM

1. All High School Friends are urged to help out with the many jobs to be done in the kitchen and on the meeting grounds.
2. Youth are expected to participate in the program and follow the guidelines and expectations for High School Friends. Anyone, of any age, with High School Friends either on or off meeting grounds is expected to follow these guidelines and expectations.
3. High School Friends will remember that the animals and crops belong to area farmers and that we must not tamper with them or trespass.
4. If High School Friends want to leave the grounds after snack (9:00 p.m.) they must sign out and be sure that they are with at least two other people. When they return they need to sign in and check-in with the designated adult. The curfew for Wednesday and Thursday nights is midnight and for Friday and Saturday nights it is 1:00 a.m. At this time High School Friends must be on Yearly Meeting grounds.
5. In order to build community, no High School Friends may use cars unless specifically requested to do so by one of the adult leaders.
6. High School Friends are expected to get sufficient sleep to participate fully in activities. High School Friends will be in their sleeping bags by midnight, except on Saturday night.
7. High School Friends are expected to respect the needs of others who are attending IYM.
8. No smoking is allowed on the Meeting grounds. No alcohol or other drugs or sexual activity is permitted anywhere during Yearly Meeting.

IYM 2004 Workshops

(as of 4/24/04)

By Scott Searles

Thursday, Friday and Saturday

1:30-3:45: Telling Our Stories about Gifts and Leadings.

Leader: Martha Turner, South Bend Friends Meeting

The stories we hear influence the stories we tell. When our experience matches our culture's stories, that experience is easy to tell. It takes courage and creativity to tell stories that don't conform.

The Spirit's work in faithful people is almost always a non-conforming story. Fox's announcement that "Christ has come to teach his people himself" did not fit with the expectations of his hearers. Yet early Friends refused to be conformed, and their insistence on listening to and following the inner Guide led to powerful transformation.

The world around us today does not expect us to live from that same deep Source of life and guidance. Its storylines do not help us explain with integrity and conviction God's work in our lives. Quaker subculture provides some inherited story patterns that are more helpful, but the Spirit is able to move in many ways. Our meetings are not copies of meetings in other eras. Our life histories are in some ways more like the first generation of Friends. And we live in a world of resources and interconnections unlike that of any previous generation.

A living religious culture must be made fresh, like bread, in every generation. How is God actually working amongst us? This workshop is an invitation to tell and to hear how the spirit is leading us, and how we are responding. (Over half the time will be worship sharing.) (Participants should attend all three sessions, but may start with the second day.)

2:30 - 3:45: When Peace Work Brings Division: The Prophet and the Mediator

Leader: Mary Lord, Philadelphia AFSC
(Adelphi MM, Baltimore YM)

It is often confusing for Meetings and individual Quakers when peace work brings conflict to our community and our relationships. We will explore different types of peacemaking roles,

and open up a discussion on the impact of peace work on communities.

(Size limit of 25 each day. Each day's workshop will be probably similar, and people can come to more than one if so wish.)

Thursday and Friday

1:30 -3:45: The Labyrinth as Contemplative Spiritual Discipline – Way Opens to the Center.

Leader: Penelope Wright, Nashville, TN
(Nashville Friends Meeting and FGC)

First Day: A short review of history of labyrinths, followed by collaborative creation of the labyrinth. (Participants are expected to attend both sessions.)

Second day: Walking the labyrinth individually and corporately, followed by worship sharing. The labyrinth will remain in place for the duration of IYM for any and all to experience.

1:30 -3:45: When to Say Yes and When to Say No: Discerning your capacity for Working Your Faith in the World.

Leader: Dawn Amos, Carbondale, IL (Southern Illinois Meeting)

Wouldn't it be interesting to imagine a "Quaker Time Management" seminar? Though God makes our plans for us, sometimes we humans interfere. We feel led to accept when invited to join a committee, only to find later that we cannot fulfill our commitment. We are called to volunteer for a task, but we do not because we are afraid that we won't have the time. How can we let God's plans take effect? How can we make the time in our lives for the work that feeds our souls? Sharing our experiences, we will identify ways to discern our leadings and our capacity for following them. (Come to either session.)

Thursday only

2:30-3:45: William Penn and the Redefinition of Quakerism.

Leader: Paul Buckley, Richmond, IN (Clear

Creek Meeting, Ohio Valley YM)

Between 1660 and 1690, Quakers radically redefined themselves – especially in relation to the wider English society. This workshop will explore these changes and William Penn’s role in the process.

Friday only

1:00 - 5:30: Illinois Yearly Meeting Bicycle Ride.

Co-leaders: Roy C Treadway, Normal IL, and Nancy Halliday, Glenview, IL (Bloomington-Normal and Evanston MMs)

In this workshop, Friends will bicycle on the back roads around the Yearly Meeting grounds to conservation areas and wetland, between 10 and 30 miles. In doing so, we will worship in our natural environment, consider its preservation and enjoy the challenges of an energy-efficient means of transportation – activities which are valuable and crucial to “building peaceful communities.”

(Participants need to be able to ride a bicycle on country roads, also have a bicycle in good condition, a helmet and a water bottle. A sag wagon and minimum bicycle repair to be provided. No limit on number of participants.)

2:30 - 3:45: In Israel/Palestine with a Christian Peacemaker Team

Leader: Adah Manby, Leaf River, IL (Rock Valley MM)

With background information and slides. I describe my experience as an 82 year-old member of a Christian Peacemaker Team in occupied Israel/Palestine Nov. 20 - Dec. 2, 2003.

The experiences of others who have been in this troubled part of the world, such as the Kenneys of Kansas, will be welcomed, helping seek inner guidance for a hoped for resolution.

Saturday only

1:30 - 3:45: Nuclear Power - Nuclear Waste. (Worship Sharing on **Earthcare Circles.**)

Co-leaders: Roy C. Treadway and Carolyn W. Treadway, Normal, IL. (Bloomington-Normal MM)

Illinois has more nuclear power plants than any other state in the U.S. Such plants produce high level radioactive waste, lethal for hundreds of thousands of years! There is NO safe storage for nuclear waste!! Exelon has applied to construct a second nuclear reactor in Clinton, IL. If approved, it would be the first in over 25 years and would open the floodgates for more. Issues and dangers of nuclear power and possible actions to stop this insanity will be discussed. The worship sharing on Earthcare circles will be an integral part of this workshop.

2:30 - 3:45: Beyond War.

Leader: Jim Kenney, Mission, KS (Penn Valley MM; Iowa Conservative YM)

The rapidly emerging global economy, facilitated in large part by instantaneous world-wide communication, is transforming the dynamics of international conflict, often making the very concept of “war” an anachronism. Using the insights in Chris Hedge’s book, *War is a Force that gives us Meaning*, and Philip Bobbitt’s book, *The Shield of Achilles*, we will seek to discover the most effective ways to confront the chaos challenging our world of today.

2:30 - 3:45: Resource Information for Meeting Treasurers, Finance Committee Members and Others.

Co-leaders: Cathy Garra, Evanston IL, and Sandra Huntley, Chesterton, IN (57th Street & Duneland MMs)

Resources for handling meeting finances will be shared with workshop participants. Cathy has extensive experience in Friends General

Conference as clerk of the finance committee of and in IYM as treasurer, clerk of the finance committee and clerk of the development committee; and Sandy is currently clerk of IYM finance committee and has served as treasurer of IYM and of her meeting and also has served on her meeting's finance committee.

2:30 - 3:45: Partnering with African Quakers in the African Great Lakes Region.

Co-leaders: David Zarembka, St.. Louis, MO, and David Westling, Columbia, MO (Baltimore YM and Columbia MM)

The development of Quakerism in Kenya, Uganda, Burundi, Rwanda and the Congo will be surveyed, as well as living conditions and conflicts in the region. The workshop will be mostly on discussing peacemaking activities of various Friends Yearly Meeting programs and how we can partner and support the Africans in restoring their fractured societies.

2:30 - 3:45: Quakers in America

Leader: Thomas D. Hamm, Richmond, IN, and Earlham College.

Topics from the recently published book, *Quakers in America*, (Columbia University Press, 2003) will be discussed by the author, who is professor of history at Earlham College and University Archivist for the Friends Collection. He is also the author of *God's Government: Society for Universal Inquiry and Reform, 1842-1846*, and *The Transformation of American Quakerism: Orthodox Friends, 1800-1907*.

Other Quaker News and Activities

Youth Oversight Committee Report

By Michaelle Cooke

IYM's High School Friends have been active this year. They have gone to the Young Quakes

Conference sponsored by Friends General Conference in Tennessee in October, YouthQuake 2003 in Colorado over Christmas break, Quake that Rocked the Midwest in January and an Easter Quake at McNabb. Several of the Young Friends have attended Youth Oversight committee meetings, as well as Continuing Committee. Our "graduating" Young Friends have started a committee to organize an Adult Young Friends program.

As the parent of a teen, I know how hard these kids are working in their lives. Most of them are engaged in challenging programs, whether academic, arts or sports. Sometimes it can be difficult to get them started talking but, once they start, you will find that they are passionate and articulate about their beliefs and ideas. I encourage you to start a dialog with a High School Friend. You will be surprised and intrigued.

As decided at the Easter Quake, the Young Friends would now like to be known as High School Friends (HSF).

This year's IYM program for the HSFs is designed to encourage them to interact in Quakerly, spiritual, intellectual, fun and physical ways. There will be plenty of time for group bonding activities, as well as hang-out time. Participation in selected adult activities is also planned.

The IYM weekend will start on Wednesday with an introductory meeting that involves the teens and their parents or sponsors. Later there will be introductory games. Meeting for Worship and Meeting for Worship for Business will occur at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday and Friday. Four workshops are planned. The HSFs will select an adult worship sharing or workshop to attend on Thursday afternoon. There will be an outing to a park on Friday or participation in the bike ride sponsored by the Environmental Concerns Committee. For their IYM chores the HSFs as a group will assume responsibility for

one meal, from setup through cleanup.

The potential workshop themes include: The Third Way: Nonviolence; Alternatives to Violence Project; Programmed Meeting for Worship; discussion of beliefs; Bible study; a role-playing discussion between FGC Friends and FUM and Evangelical Friends. After workshop leaders have been confirmed, a program will be produced.

The parents and sponsors will be asked to be more involved with their youth than in recent years. At the introductory meeting planned for Wednesday evening, the guidelines will be reviewed. Parents may be asked to chaperone or sign in the teens in the evening.

Since the dorms will be not available for sleeping, small group tents will be available for the teens. Each tent will have a chaperone. The guidelines include the expectation that High School Friends will get sufficient sleep. It is often difficult for teens to stop something fun in order to go to bed. To assist them, the tent chaperone will check to see that the kids are in their sleeping bags by midnight (except for Saturday night). Parents/sponsors will be notified of any missing participants.

Part of raising a young person is preparing safe spaces for them to try their wings. IYM is such a space. We have put a structure in place that allows for maximum freedom combined with loving attention. These young people are an important part of our community.

April Witness Workshop With Marshall Massey

By Judy Erickson

Gathering on 4/16 and 4/17 to further explore the witnessing concepts Marshall Massey brought to IYM last summer, we gave and received in a deeply intensive and personal experience with much to take forward into our lives and works.

Young Friend Recognized

Greg Woods, one of the founders of our Project Lakota, has just been awarded a year-long fellowship from the Clarence and Lilly Pickett Fund, in recognition of his leadership potential as a Young Friend, particularly focusing on his Project Lakota work.

Elizabeth Mertic nominated Greg.

“I feel such excitement that we have young people in IYM with leadership potential and that there are foundations which exist to give them a boost.”

More information about the foundation is available at the website: www.quaker.org/pickettfund

On Friday evening Marshall gave a summary of what he means by witnessing. He reviewed a few examples of successful witnesses, including some social activists. We were encouraged to consider how we can avoid “emoting” in favor of “evoking” to go right to the heart of those to whom we wish to witness. For example, civil rights activists of the 50s and 60s were able to reach the white community in the South by publicly evoking Christ's innocent suffering. He helped us list some concerns with which we are struggling in our personal lives to which we would like to apply witnessing concepts. We were asked to consider how it is that each of us obeys the inner sense of right choices and conduct.

On Saturday we explored in depth the concerns listed the previous evening. They included how to work effectively with people who have different values/concerns, racism/denial of the