

Identify your monthly meeti	ng:	
	Response Percent	Response Count
Campus	3.7%	10
Community	12.7%	34
Dayton	6.0%	16
Eastern Hills	4.9%	13
Green Plain	1.1%	3
Lexington	13.1%	35
Louisville	6.0%	16
Miami	2.6%	7
Oxford	3.0%	8
Yellow Springs	7.1%	19
Bloomington	11.9%	32
Clear Creek	8.6%	23
Fall Creek	2.6%	7
Fort Wayne	3.4%	9
Hopewell	1.9%	5
Lafayette	4.9%	13
Maple Grove	0.0%	0
North Meadow	6.7%	18
White Rose	0.0%	0
	Other	1



How long have you attende	How long have you attended a Quaker meeting?			
	Response Percent	Response Count		
Not long. A few times.	1.1%	3		
Not long. Less than a year.	3.8%	10		
Good bit of time. 1-5 years.	16.7%	44		
Long time. 5 - 10 years.	11.8%	31		
Seasoned. 10+ years.	66.5%	175		
	answered question	263		
	skipped question	5		



	Do you consider yourself a frequent attender to your monthly meeting?				
Response Count	Response Percent				
205	77.9%	yes			
58	22.1%	no			
20	Other				
263	answered question				
5	skipped question				



How many times have you	attended a Quarterly or Yearly Meeting?	
	Response Percent	Response Count
Zero.	25.9%	68
A few times.	30.8%	81
5-10 times.	15.6%	41
10+ times	27.8%	73
	answered question	263
	skipped question	5



If you have attended a Quarterly or Yearly Meeting before, how recently have you attended? Response Response Percent Count Very recently, and more than 39.0% 76 Somewhat recently. 35.9% 70 It has been over 5 years or more. 25.1% 49 answered question 195 skipped question 73



Have you ever been a part of another yearly meeting?				
	Response Percent	Response Count		
Yes	51.0%	131		
No	49.0%	126		
	answered question	257		
	skipped question	11		



Do you regularly access the internet and email?				
	Response Percent	Response Count		
yes	97.3%	256		
no	2.7%	7		
	answered question	263		
	skipped question	5		



How old are you? NOTE---The following question will redirect you to your own age group for more questions. 14 year olds have a choice of whether they can be middle youth or teens. All adults (19+) will go to the same set of questions. Maybe in the near future Young Adults can create their own survey!

	Response Percent	Response Count
youth 10 years old or under	1.1%	3
middle youth 11-14 years old	0.4%	1
teen 14-18 years old	1.1%	3
young adult 19-35 years old	9.9%	26
middle adult 36-54	24.0%	63
older adult 55-74	49.6%	130
bonafide elder 75+	13.7%	36
	answered question	262
	skipped question	6



Identify yourself:		
	Response Percent	=
male	40.89	107
female	59.29	155
	answered question	n 262
	skipped question	n 6



Do you feel qualified to answer any questions about quarterly or yearly meeting? Response Response Percent Count Yes, I have participated in some of these meetings, and I have some 25.9% 66 opinions. Maybe, it depends on the 38.0% 97 questions. I'll give it a try! No, I don't have experience with those meetings. I only have 36.1% 92 experience with my monthly meeting. answered question 255 skipped question 13



Rank the following Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting services or works in order of most valuable to fourth most valuable. (you will be "forced" to rank- you won't be able to say all the services are most valuable. Sorry!)

	Most valuable	Second most valuable	Third most valuable	Fourth most valuable	Rating Average	Response Count
OVYM has strong youth programs	28.2% (35)	36.3% (45)	23.4% (29)	12.1% (15)	2.19	124
OVYM sends representatives to our wider Quaker world	7.5% (6)	15.0% (12)	28.8% (23)	48.8% (39)	3.19	80
OVYM develops a social network between our regional monthly meetings	26.4% (29)	29.1% (32)	23.6% (26)	20.9% (23)	2.39	110
OVYM fosters spiritual growth, personally and communally	43.8% (53)	21.5% (26)	25.6% (31)	9.1% (11)	2.00	121
OVYM continues the work of Quakers in peace and social justice	16.2% (18)	21.6% (24)	23.4% (26)	38.7% (43)	2.85	111
					Comment	34
				answered	I question	143
				skipped	question	125



What ways would you like to see Yearly Meeting support monthly meetings? Rank in order.

	Most like to see	2nd most	3rd most	4th most	Rating Average	Response Count
Hire a Field Secretary to provide more continuity to the care and nurture	30.2% (16)	20.8% (11)	22.6% (12)	26.4% (14)	2.45	53
Create a Meetinghouse Fund to help meetings build, renovate or maintain	17.2% (11)	15.6% (10)	20.3% (13)	46.9% (30)	2.97	64
Provide more materials for First Day School	29.8% (25)	23.8% (20)	22.6% (19)	23.8% (20)	2.40	84
Develop and foster a true traveling ministry	37.4% (34)	24.2% (22)	28.6% (26)	9.9% (9)	2.11	91
Provide Quaker Quest training and other outreach	22.1% (21)	28.4% (27)	26.3% (25)	23.2% (22)	2.51	95
Provide even stronger Middle Youth and Teen programs	23.2% (26)	33.9% (38)	25.9% (29)	17.0% (19)	2.37	112
					Other	24
				answered	I question	140
				skipped	question	128



What are the things Yearly Meeting should be doing more? (each answer can be responded to with a choice)

	Yes, do more	No, do not do this	It would be nice, but it is difficult	Rating Average	Response Count
Help with conflict resolution within Monthly Meetings	51.9% (69)	4.5% (6)	43.6% (58)	1.92	133
Cultivate the prophetic voice	46.4% (58)	17.6% (22)	36.0% (45)	1.90	125
Do more social justice work for old and young alike	68.2% (88)	8.5% (11)	23.3% (30)	1.55	129
Be really focused on earthcare and stewardship	66.4% (83)	13.6% (17)	20.0% (25)	1.54	125
Consider new ways for outreach and attracting new people.	82.4% (112)	4.4% (6)	13.2% (18)	1.31	136
Create new programs to foster our spiritual growth.	78.0% (103)	7.6% (10)	14.4% (19)	1.36	132
				Other	24
			answered	question	144
			skipped	question	124



Yearly Meeting business sessions are often scheduled to last 12-14 hours on the floor of Yearly Meeting Sessions. Would you support efforts at reducing the time the Yearly Meeting conducts business?

Response Count	Response Percent	
92	72.4%	Yes
35	27.6%	No
37	Other (please specify)	
127	answered question	
141	skipped question	



How should we support Young Adult Friends (19-35 year old)? You may choose multiple choices.

	Response Percent	Response Count
We don't need to offer any extra support	2.9%	4
Subsidize attendance at sessions	62.0%	85
Provide seed money for YAF intervisitations from other Yearly Meetings	46.0%	63
Let YAFs organize a committee that can receive financial support for YAF activity	54.7%	75
Recruit YAFs to our committees and to serve as Wider Quaker reps	73.0%	100
	Other ideas?	23
	answered question	137
	skipped question	131



Is it time to increase our support for Middle Youth by hiring a part-time worker to help organize activities as we have done for the Teens?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	33.3%	44
No	5.3%	7
Maybe- I am concerned about the cost but support the idea	61.4%	81
	Other	18
	answered question	132
	skipped question	136



We perennially struggle to find adults who are active in helping out the Teen Committee during the year. How can we get more active support?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Market our teen program better to our adults/parents	63.3%	69
Require some involvement from parents for either service on the committee or to serve as a Friendly Adult Presence at midyear events	36.7%	40
	Other	30
	answered question	109
	skipped question	159



In our 2009 session, Whitewater Quarterly Meeting reported serious concerns about the viability of the structure of Quarterly Meeting to continue. Do you feel that Quarterly Meetings are still viable today?

Response Count	Response Percent	
69	59.5%	Yes
47	40.5%	No
45	Comments	
116	answered question	
152	skipped question	



What would you like to see done about this concern for Quarterly Meetings? Response Response **Percent** Count Lay down Whitewater Quarterly and merge it with Miami Quarterly 8.2% 9 Meeting Lay down both Quarterly Meetings and establish a new 53.6% 59 Mid-year meeting Keep our two Quarterly Meetings 38.2% 42 going. Comments 38 answered question 110 skipped question 158



One possible alternative suggested has been the establishment of annual Joint Quarterly Meetings like the one we have been having at Happy Hollow Campground. Would an annual Joint Quarterly Meeting in October/November be a possible intermediate step that you might support?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	87.6%	106
No	12.4%	15
	Comment	23
	answered question	121
	skipped question	147



Another suggestion has been to let Executive Committee(EC) take on some of the business functions of Quarterly Meeting since there is usually a wider participation of Friends at EC. Monthly meetings with a concern would take the concern to EC instead of Quarterly Meeting. Is this a good idea?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	79.2%	84
No	20.8%	22
	Other (please specify)	41
	answered question	106
	skipped question	162



If you have served on yearly meeting committees in the past, how best can you describe how you felt about your service?

	Response Percent	Response Count
The service was truly inspiring.	22.9%	16
The work had moments of inspiration, lots of perspiration, and at times the travel and busy work was onerous.	41.4%	29
It was thankless, but I did my job anyway.	1.4%	1
It was great to work with other Friends in OVYM, but it just takes too much time and energy.	10.0%	7
All the above.	24.3%	17
	Other (please specify)	36
	answered question	70
	skipped question	198



Should we decrease the number of committees and/or the number of volunteers it takes to fill all the committee slots?

fill all the committee slots?		
	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	76.6%	72
No	23.4%	22
	Comment	38
	answered question	94
	skipped question	174



Advancement and Nurture has struggled with its own mission because of the amount of travel it requires to make visits. Do you think visits from A&N to monthly meetings should be a part of its work?

Response Count	Response Percent	
55	41.4%	Yes
11	8.3%	No
67	50.4%	Maybe-I don't know
38	Comment	
133	answered question	
135	skipped question	



Technology is rapidly changing our communication patterns. Email has been both a blessing and curse to almost every committee. Would you support some of formal protocol (a set of rules) for email committee business in an attempt to alleviate some of the miscommunication inherent in this form of communicating?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	82.5%	99
No	17.5%	21
	Comment)	33
	answered question	120
	skipped question	148



Web cams and skyping are becoming more commonplace. Would you like to see the Yearly Meeting support the use of web conferences for more committee meetings?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	50.0%	65
No	9.2%	12
Maybe- might be too expensive or hard	40.8%	53
	Comment	38
	answered question	130
	skipped question	138



OVYM has a blog to post updated calendar events and other timely news. Have you ever visited the blog to get current information?

visited the blog to get curre	ent information?	
	Respoi Perce	=
Yes	35.	9% 51
No	64.	1% 91
	Commen	ts? 24
	answered quest	ion 142
	skipped quest	ion 126



What issues would you like to see OVYM Peace and Social Concerns work on and help involve Yearly Meeting to also work on? Choose up to 3 issues.

	Response Percent	Response Count
Campaign Finance Reform/Election Integrity	12.9%	18
Civil Liberties	17.1%	24
Climate Change/Environmental Concerns	43.6%	61
Abolish Death Penalty/Prison Reform	39.3%	55
Fair Trade	14.3%	20
Gay Rights	20.7%	29
Health Care Reform	31.4%	44
Immigration Reform	22.9%	32
Ending Israeli/Palestinian Conflict	14.3%	20
Corporal Punishment (suggested by one monthly meeting)	1.4%	2
Peace Witness/War is Not the Answer	55.7%	78
Racism (and Friends)	18.6%	26
Ending Torture	15.7%	22
Violence in Africa	6.4%	9
Violence in Latin America	3.6%	5
Wars in Afghanistan & Iraq	20.0%	28
	Other (please specify)	31



At this point almost every organization in our Quaker alphabet is reporting shortage of funding and cutting back. Should OVYM increase our contributions to these organizations?

Response Count	Response Percent	
55	52.4%	Yes
50	47.6%	No
52	Other (please specify)	
105	answered question	
163	skipped question	



Some have questioned whether or not OVYM should be involved in making contributions to other Quaker organizations, and these Friends feel the proper decision making level should be more local. Do you think contribution decisions should be made by:

	Response Percent	Response Count
the individual Friend.	18.8%	26
the monthly meeting	23.9%	33
the yearly meeting	5.1%	7
All of the above	65.9%	91
	answered question	138
	skipped question	130



There have been some more ambitious financial dreams articulated by OVYM Friends over the years. Should we be exploring any of the following dreams?

	Response Percent	Response Count
A retreat center.	51.9%	40
A Quaker High School	32.5%	25
A OVYM meetinghouse fund	49.4%	38
	Other (please specify)	45
	answered question	77
	skipped question	191



Oo you think the Yearly Mee	ting ought to:	
	Respons Percent	-
expand the budget.	27.59	6 30
contract the budget.	9.29	6 10
stay basically the same.	63.39	69
	Other (please specify) 33
	answered question	ո 109
	skipped question	n 159



Do you think the Yearly Meeting ought to change its fiscal year to Jan. 1 to Dec. 31st? (Right now our fiscal year runs July 1 - June 30)

now our fiscal year runs Ju	ıly 1 - June 30)	
	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	65.5%	57
No	34.5%	30
	Comment	41
	answered question	87
	skipped question	181



skipped question

176

What has been your reaction to our new Covenant Proportional Shares system? Response Response **Percent** Count Yuk. Let's go back. 8.7% 8 I have a negative reaction, but am 15.2% 14 willing to give it more time. I have a positive reaction, but see 34.8% 32 problems that need to be tweaked. Yes, it's good. We are on the 41.3% 38 right path. Please feel free to Comment here!!! 32 answered question 92



And last but not least, do you have any comments to add here? Something not covered? Something that concerns you?

Response	
Count	

30

answered question	answered question 30
skipped question 23	skipped question 238



What keeps you from attending OVYM?			
	Response Percent	Response Count	
Too busy during late July	32.8%	22	
Haven't received encouragement from other Friends	6.0%	4	
Too costly	11.9%	8	
Past experiences with yearly meeting has not been positive	4.5%	3	
Too far to travel and too much of a time commitment	44.8%	30	
	answered question	67	
	skipped question	201	



Do you feel welcome in your meeting?		
	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	96.6%	86
No	3.4%	3
	answered question	89
	skipped question	179



What are the things that are attracting you to Quakers? Response Response Percent Count **Silent Worship** 85.1% 74 The stance for Peace 73.6% 64 I have similar social and political 73.6% 64 views My location to the meeting 24.1% 21 The absence of creeds and 73.6% 64 checklist of beliefs Other (please specify) 15 answered question 87 skipped question 181



What things concern you a	bout your meeting?	
	Response Percent	Response Count
Lack of a good children's program	22.7%	5
No clear way to get to know more about being a Quaker	45.5%	10
The meeting place is not friendly	9.1%	2
Not very many people have reached out to me	18.2%	4
The group doesn't seem active in social causes today	31.8%	7
	Other (please specify)	39
	answered question	22
	skipped question	246



How would you rate your involvement at present with your monthly meeting? Response Response Percent Count Not actively involved. 30.3% 27 Somewhat involved. 40.4% 36 Very involved. 29.2% 26 answered question 89 skipped question 179



What would you like to see your meeting do that would make you more likely to become involved in the meeting community?

Response
Count

answered question	17
skipped question	251



When you go to your monthly meeting, do you sit in the silent meeting for worship? Response Response Percent Count 0 My meeting doesn't meet anymore 0.0% Yes, for a little while. 100.0% 3 No, I go with an adult to have a First Day School class the whole 0.0% 0 time. 3 answered question skipped question 265



If you answered yes to the question above, how long do you stay in the silent meeting?

	Response	Response
	Percent	Count
For the first fifteen minutes.	100.0%	3
We come back in for the last fifteen minutes.	0.0%	0
I think it is more like 30 minutes!	0.0%	0
	answered question	3
	skipped question	265



How many other children co	ome to your meeting?	
	Response Percent	Response Count
I am the only one.	0.0%	0
There are a few others.	100.0%	3
About 5 or 6.	0.0%	0
Lots.	0.0%	0
	answered question	3
	skipped question	265



Is there anything about going to Meeting that you especially like?	
	Response Count
	3
answered question	3
skipped question	265



Do you like going to the sile	ent meeting?	
	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes, sometimes.	100.0%	3
No, never!	0.0%	0
	answered question	3
	skipped question	265



Briefly describe your spiritual life, beliefs and practice. What makes you a Friend?	
	Response Count
	107
answered question	107
skipped question	161



Briefly describe some of your joys and reasons for being a part of your monthly meeting community. Why do you like to come to Meeting?		ting
		Response Count
		113
	answered question	113
	skipped question	155



Briefly describe some of your dislikes and concerns about the monthly meeting community. What don't you like about coming to meeting?

Response
Count

ans	vered question 99
sk	pped question 169



Any joys or concerns about your relationship with your Quarterly Meeting that you'd like to share?

Response
Count

answered question	61
skipped question	207



Any joys or concerns about your relationship with yearly meeting that you'd like to sha	
	Response Count
	63
answered question	63
skipped question	205



My gift that I bring to my monthly meeting is: OR I feel strongly led by the Spirit to help my monthly meeting to:

F	Response
	Count

answered question	87
skipped question	181