

Whitewater Quarterly Meeting
North Meadow Circle of Friends, Indianapolis IN
1/26/2020

1. Meeting opened with waiting worship.
2. Roll Call

Bloomington	Christine Carver
Clear Creek	not present
Fall Creek	not present
Fort Wayne	Terre Holada
Lafayette	not present
North Meadow	Eric Hailperin-Lausch
White Rose	not present
3. The minutes from 10/20/19, which had been approved at that meeting, were re-read for the benefit of those who had not been there.
4. Eric Hailperin-Lausch, from the Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting (OVYM) Religious Nurture and Education Committee proposed organizing a workshop for children's First Day School teachers and parents to be presented at the next Whitewater Quarterly Meeting on 4/19/2020. They will provide childcare for participants. Those in attendance approved.
5. Fall Creek Monthly Meeting sent a minute on immigration. It was amended as follows:

Whitewater Quarterly Friends' Meeting's deepest-held belief in that of God in every person leads us to express our deep concern for immigrants and asylum seekers. We are especially grieved at the separation of families and the inhumane treatment of those who seek refuge here. As Quakers, we believe that every human life is a gift from God. As Americans, we must acknowledge that many of our ancestors came to this country seeking to improve their lives' condition, and we must recognize the right of contemporary immigrants and asylum seekers to do the same. We recommend that our government focus attention on identifying the root causes of the need for asylum and on crafting foreign policy that would create a more just and peaceful world in which people do not have to flee their homes for survival. In the meantime, the immigrants and asylum seekers who are here deserve to be treated with compassion, respect, and generosity. At the border, representatives of all political persuasions together must be allowed to make extensive observations of the camps to ensure that conditions are humane. Nonprofit groups must be allowed to contribute help. Families must be immediately reunited. We are also led to condemn the operation of

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents to arrest members of American society, causing further division of families and communities. We urge our government and those in power to restore basic human dignity and compassionate care as the basis of any solution to the crisis.

Friends approved sending the minute on to OVYM and notifying Fall Creek of the revisions.

6. The next Whitewater Quarterly Meeting is scheduled for 4/19/2020 with Bloomington Monthly Meeting as host.
7. The OVYM Annual Sessions are 6/17-21/2020 at Earlham College in Richmond IN. This year's theme is "Embracing Our Call to Faith: Imagining Our Shared Future. This will be the 200th annual session of the yearly meeting.
8. The OVYM Joint Quarterly Meeting is scheduled for 10/17-18/2020 at Happy Hollow Camp in Brown County Indiana.
9. Minutes from today's meeting were approved.
10. Meeting closed with waiting worship.

Terre Holada, Clerk

Christine Carver, Recording Clerk

Present: Eric Hailperin-Lausch, Aimee Heerd, Terre Holada, Christine Carver, Monty Halso, Kristin Brethova, Gloria Stearns-Bruner, Sue Walton, Scott Walton, Mike Farllahay, Marci Ankrom and Daniel Ballow.