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## Epistle

### Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends 183rd Annual Session Earlham College, Richmond Indiana Seventh Month 30 – Eighth Month 3, 2003

To Friends everywhere:

One hundred and seventy-eight Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting Friends and visitors gathered July 30 through August 3, 2003 on the campus of Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana, for our 183rd annual sessions. Reflecting on the words of George Fox, we spent our time together exploring what it means to "Be Patterns: living in the life and power that takes away the occasion of all wars."

The words of Christ, as set forth in the book of John, inspired us -- "For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you." We challenged ourselves in business sessions, worship sharing, and workshops to ask how God calls us to be patterns in a world suffering from "envy and selfish ambition, ... disorder and every evil practice." These words and others from the Epistle of James give us insight into the causes of war and fightings among us and cause us to yearn for the "wisdom that comes from heaven" to be peace-loving and full of mercy. We carry this yearning into our most immediate concerns and call for an end to our country's current occupation of Iraq and Afghanistan in a minute urging the rapid restoration of self-government to these nations. The minute is attached to this epistle.

Bob Schmitt of Northern Yearly Meeting brought a powerful sense of the presence of the Lord in his plenary session. Bob called us to bring our love to the world and not just to focus on concerns of the day. He described his attempts to reach his own center as chipping away at the lump of coal inside him until he could find a small diamond, then holding

that diamond up so that the light filled the whole room. He reminded us of the experience of Friends crying in the wilderness, like John Woolman who waited seven years to get his essay on slavery published by his Yearly Meeting, and enjoined us to be more tender to the unusual leadings in our midst. We are effective at attracting others by our warmth, but we need those who stoke the fire within our meetings. He reminded us that Jesus' confidence in his disciples, even those who were weak, provides an example for us that reliance on others in our meetings shows our love to the world.

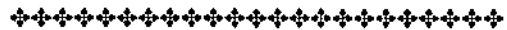
Our many and varied workshops and interest groups offered spiritual grounding and reflected the wide-range of social problems confronting us. Racism, simplicity and sustainability, affordable health care, third-world development and outreach to the poor have all claimed our attention. We struggle to be the pattern for changes we know are called for in so many areas of need, and we are sustained in the struggle by the knowledge that God has called us to this work.

We have enjoyed the fellowship of Friends, the stimulation of new ideas, and the awareness that God is moving among us. Our talented musicians have entertained us with songs that carried the message of peace and love, and we have refreshed our spirits in play and song. Our children have been a source of pleasure as they grow in their understanding of the world. At the close of this Yearly Meeting we feel greatly strengthened in our ability to be patterns and to show our love to the world.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 11      Whitewater Quarterly Meeting.  
Maple Grove Meeting,  
Evangelical Mennonite Church  
in Grabill, IN.
- October 18      Celebration of 200 years of  
Quakers in southwest Ohio.  
Miami Meeting, Waynesville,  
OH. 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- October 19      Miami Quarterly Meeting.  
Miami Meeting, Waynesville,  
OH
- October 28      Cincinnati Annual Peace  
Lecture. Cincinnati Monthly  
Meeting. 7:00 p.m.
- October 29      Westheimer Peace Symposium  
at Wilmington College.  
Wilmington, OH



*Great Compassion is the root of all forms of worship.*

*Compassion can be put into practice if one recognizes the fact that every human being is a member of humanity and the human family regardless of differences in religion, culture, color, and creed. Deep down, there is no difference.*

*I maintain that every major religion of the world: Buddhism, Christianity, Confucianism, Hinduism, Islam, Jainism, Judaism, Sikhism, Taoism, Zoroastrianism—has similar ideals of love, the same goal of benefitting humanity through spiritual practice, and the same effect of making their followers into better human beings.*

*— The 14<sup>th</sup> Dalai Lama, Ocean of Wisdom*

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**Children's Epistle**  
**Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting 183rd Annual Session**

Thirteen elementary school age children met at the 183rd annual session of Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting at Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana from July 30th to August 3rd, 2003, to consider the theme, "Be Patterns: Living in the Life and Power that Takes Away the Occasion of All Wars."

The beautiful campus of a historic Quaker college was the background for a time of fellowship, sharing and learning.

Cindi Goslee spoke to us about the children in Africa. We felt really bad that they cannot all go to school and want them to get an education. Roland Kreiger spoke to us about Right Sharing of World Resources. We are concerned about the women who have to earn the money.

We feel sorry for the people being killed in Iraq. We want to share our concern so we made a banner that says, "No Flag is Large Enough to Cover the Shame of Killing." We sat around for a long time until we came to consensus as to what the banner would say. We hope to spread the message that we want the killing and wars to stop.

We have many hopes for the future. We hope the killing of animals and people stops. We hope to build more hospitals and schools and get the needy what they need. We hope conflicts are solved in better ways and people have peace.

Sincerely,  
The Children's Group of OVYM

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**Middle Youth Epistle**  
**Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting 183rd Annual Session**

Greetings Friends from OVYM Middle Youth!

The most important thing we learned this year is that God has a sense of humor. We learned this during our skit titled, "What Adults Really Think in Meeting."

We visited the Quaker Archives and listened to Tom Hamn tell us about "taking away all occasions for war." George Fox had two feelings about this. First, the spirit of God in him was too good to kill others. Second, he believed that the War of the Lamb (i.e. Armageddon) would occur in his time, so he wouldn't fight until then. Tom also mentioned a few funny stories including one about a student butter rebellion. The students claimed that the 100 pounds of butter was rancid therefore feeling the need to give it to the pigs who enjoyed it immensely. The dean however, stated that he had purchased it from his brother-in-law whom he trusted.

Our service project involved decorating and personalizing folders to send to Kenyan children who can't afford school supplies. We sold craft projects to raise money to donate to Right Sharing of World Resources, Friends Disaster

Committee and for more school supplies for the Quaker school in Kenya.

We also enjoyed a marvelous canoe trip, a challenging rock climb, swimming, arts and crafts and spending time together. We look forward to seeing each other again next year.

Middle Youth Group, OVYM

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**Teen Epistle**  
**Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting 2003**  
**183rd Annual Session**

Hello to all F(f)riends!

In the beginning, there was nothing, then there was something. Then there was the OVYM teen group. And it was good.

This year at OVYM we engaged in a variety of activities that followed our agenda. The first day the teen group all did circle activities to get ourselves acquainted with each other. We got to know two new assistants to the teen secretary, James Taylor and Rachel Dean.

For the annual canoe trip, events were reported as "action packed," "thrilling" and "bug-infested." We all had fun and bonding time. We had a productive business meeting where we appointed two new committees for the epistle and Simply Speaking. We also appointed a new clerk and recording clerk. In the evening, JT (James Taylor) held HIPP (Help Increase the Peace Process) sessions. Teens also had the option of going to the Iethys House, to which many went. Discussions were held and many felt bonded to JT.

On Friday we were visited by Bob Schmitt and by the end of his presentation, many felt spiritually enlightened as we had shared each other's gifts. Later that day we attended workshops, one of which was the teen led workshop, "Living in the Power" and was mostly concerned with the balance of power in the government. Friday evening we listened to Bob Schmitt's plenary speech. Three teens served on the panel of elders for Bob.

Saturday was a day of service. We went to the Lauramoore retirement home to help set up a garage sale. Having done that, we split into two groups doing painting and gardening.

Simply Speaking, a discussion forum between teens and adults over relevant issues, this year covered age discrimination. The teen skit at the variety show included benches and a hobo.

Overall we had fun, developed deeper relationships and grew spiritually.

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## Representatives to Executive Committee

Meeting	Term Ending 5/2004	Term Ending 5/2005
Bloomington		Lou Bucklin
Campus	Dale Hayes	
Clear Creek	Mildred Mahoney	David Garman
Community	Horatio Wood	Lisa Cayard
Dayton	Virginia Wood	
Eastern Hills	Jim Coppock	
Fall Creek	Jack Davis	
Fort Wayne WG		
Green Plain	Caroline Taylor	
Hopewell		
Lafayette	Linda Olis	
Lexington	Ben Griffith	
Louisville	Beth Parrish	
Maple Grove	James Dunn	
Miami	Gretchen Stone	Milton Cook
North Meadow	Ron Haldeman	
Oxford	Cecilia Shore	
White Rose	Murray Cox/Vaughn Peebles	
Whitewater	Wanda Haas	
Yellow Springs	Dale Blanchard	Peg Champney

## 2003 OVYM Appointments

<b>Presiding Clerk</b>	Cindi Goslee
<b>Assistant Clerk</b>	Lisa Cayard
<b>Recording Clerk</b>	Rex Sprouse
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<b>Ass't Treasurer</b>	J.P. Lund
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<b>Statistician</b>	Tom Hill
<b>Records Coordinator</b>	Karen Campbell
<b>Quaker Quill Editor</b>	Barbarie Hill

**Clerk's Support Committee:**  
Clerk of Advancement & Nurture,  
Representative of Planning Committee, Virginia  
Wood

**Clerical Support Committee:** Clerk, Assistant  
Clerk, Treasurer, David Garman

### Ad Hoc Committees:

Discipline Revision Committee Byron Branson (M), Amanda Fraser (W), Maie Klaphaak (M), \*Phyllis Martin (W), Karen Campbell, Marian Alter (M), Ron Haldeman (W), \*Rex Sprouse (W), Michael Birkel (W), Steven Angell (M)

\* = Convener or Clerk;

M = Miami Quarter; W = Whitewater Quarter

Term ending '04	Term ending '05	Term ending '06
<b>Nominating Committee</b>		
Terry Reynolds (W)	Andy Garrison (M)	Bill Shetter (M)
Jack Davis (W)	Vaughn Peebles (W)	Byron Branson (M)
<b>Advancement and Nurture Committee</b>		
Ben Griffith (M)	Wanda Haas (W)	Margaret Lechner (W)
*Dale Hayes (M)	Janette Shetter (W)	Peggy Spohr (W)
Eileen Bagus (M)	Tom Applegate (M)	Virginia Wood (M)
	Morris Cornel-Morgan (W)	Linda Coppock (M)

<b>Yearly Meeting Planning Committee</b> (includes clerks of Teen Committee, Middle Youth Committee, and Children's Program Committee)		
Footie Lund (M)	Jim Morgan (W)	Diann Herzog (W)
Susan Lee Barton (W)	*Jane Haldeman (W)	David Wood (M)
Andy Garrison (M)	Stan Zarowin (W)	Terri Furnas (M)
<b>Children's Program Committee</b> (reports to Yearly Meeting Planning Committee and Executive Committee)		
*Hannah Branson (M)	Cecilia Shore (M)	Susan Hyde (M)
Diann Herzog (W)	Beth Parrish (M)	
<b>Middle Youth Committee</b> (reports to Yearly Meeting Planning and Executive Committees)		
Mary Ann Kokenge (M)	Lonny Burger (M)	Lou Bucklin (W)
	Gretchen Stone (M)	Phil Stone (M)
<b>Teen Activities Committee</b> (reports to Yearly Meeting Planning and Executive Committees)		
Susan Stark (W)	Nancy Forsythe (W)	Jim Rogers (W)
Wilhelmina Branson (M)	*Jim Coppock (M)	Camilla Flintemann (M)
David Duvall (W)		Frank Huss (W)
Chance Duvall (TW)	Carrie Reynolds (TW)	Nathan Coppock (TM)
Dan Coppock (TM)	Mary Hyde (TM)	Rebekah Miller (TW)
<b>Personnel Committee</b> (2 year term)		
Treasurer, <i>ex officio</i>	Clerk of Teen Comte., <i>ex officio</i>	
Cathy Habschmidt	Assistant Treasurer, <i>ex officio</i>	
<b>Budget &amp; Finance Committee</b>		
Herb Fraser (W)	Cathy Habschmidt(W)	Byron Branson (M)
Ass't Treasurer, <i>ex officio</i>	Treasurer, <i>ex officio</i>	
<b>Auditing Committee</b> (2 year overlapping terms)		
Cathy Habschmidt (W)		
<b>Peace and Social Concerns Committee</b>		
Richard Mitchell (M)	Ron Haldeman (W)	Jack Davis (W)
Frank Huss (M)	Aase Loescher (W)	Deborah Jordan (M)
<b>Religious Education Committee</b>		
Diann Herzog (W)	Dan Cartmell (W)	Barbara Robinson (M)
FGC Relig. Ed. Rep., <i>ex officio</i>		

Term ending '05	Term ending '07	Term ending '09
<b>Yearly Meeting Trustees</b>		
Beth Stafford (M)	Tom Hill (M)	Tom Nowell (M)
Vaughn Peebles (W)	James Dunn (W)	David Duvall (W)
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		Sue Wiley Cook

**Representatives to Friends Organizations:**

Term ending '04	Term ending '05	Term ending '06
<b>American Friends Service Committee Corporation</b>		
Deborah Jordan (M)	Lonnie Valentine (W)	Tom Bennett (M)
	Colin Schoder-Ehri (M)	
<b>Friends World Committee for Consultation</b>		
Cathy Habschmidt (W)	Lou Bucklin (W)	Steve Angell (M)
		Charles Leslie (M)
<b>Friends General Conference Central Committee</b>		
David Wood (M)	Michael Birkel (W)	Paul Kriese (W)
<b>Friends Committee on National Legislation</b>		
Bill Henry (W)	Tom Nowel (M)	Ron Haldeman (W)
Frank Huss (M)	Paul Kriese (W)	

**One-year appointments, to close of 2003 Yearly Meeting sessions:**

FGC Religious Education Committee	Barbara Robinson
Friends for Lesbian and Gay Concerns	Kathy Wood
William Penn House National Consultative Committee	
Quaker United Nations Program	Gretchen Stone
Friends Committee on Unity with Nature	Bill Cahalan
Friends Peace Teams liaison	
Work Camps International liaison	Gretchen Stone
Associated Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs	James Dunn, John Strain

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting will have a vacancy for a 2/5 time Teen Secretary position beginning 1/2004.

### PURPOSE:

To provide programs and to coordinate activities for young Friends of high school age at the Yearly Meeting level and at Whitewater and Miami Quarterly Meetings, to offer new experiences, spiritual nurture, and opportunities for service and leadership.

### RESPONSIBILITIES (See Estimate Hours Below):

1. Work with the Teen Activities Committee and with designated youth leaders in Whitewater and Miami Quarters to organize and publicize youth activities at Quarterly and Yearly Meeting levels. Attend such sessions and lead the planned youth activities.
2. Attend and/or submit periodic reports appropriate committee meetings (Teen Activities Committee, Executive Committee, Yearly Meeting sessions, Quarterly Meeting sessions, Planning Committee).
3. Work with the Middle School Activities Committee (11 to 14 year olds) to coordinate transitional activities.
4. Assist in organizing and attending work camps, service projects, and other special opportunities for teens. This is typically a one-week work camp with travel in mid-June with at least one adult presence assisting.
5. Plan Teen Program for Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting session in early August (4 days). Orient staff help (two adults).
6. Encourage youth participation in wider Friends youth activities (Other yearly Meetings, FGC, FUM, etc). Coordinate with other area Friends youth workers.
7. Be in touch with youth activities and needs in the Monthly Meetings of OVYM and be available to visit and provide support if needed.
8. Assist in the spiritual nurture of Young Friends in OVYM.
9. Track hours worked, expenses. Report hours to Supervisor, submit expense receipts to Treasurer for reimbursement. See attachment for estimated hours/tasks.
10. Become familiar with Policy Manual. Submit self-evaluation after 3 months and yearly thereafter. Comment on performance evaluation.
11. Able to manage program planning details and to operate within a budget.
12. Must have a car and be available for weekend travel, be able to accept overnight hospitality.

### TEENS ADD:

We want someone who can help us help our community, get us together to meet each other, help us to understand Quakerism, think up good activities, be there with us.

### QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Preferably active in the Society of Friends, knowledgeable about the Bible and Friends testimonies, business procedures and writings.
2. Attuned to Friends' social concerns and also to problems and concerns of today's teens.
3. Proven ability to interact effectively with teens and to share religious faith and Friends' convictions.
4. Experience with both major Friends' traditions and understanding of religious diversity among Friends.
5. Able to work cooperatively and to encourage local development of youth activities/
6. Able to manage program planning details and to operate within a budget.
7. College degree or equivalent is desirable.
8. Must have a car, valid driver's license and be available for weekend travel, be able to accept overnight hospitality.

### TEENS ADD:

The Youth Secretary must be energetic and friendly, enthusiastic and open-minded, able to have fun and also to be serious.

### PAY AND BENEFITS:

- Salary is based on 16 hours per week average for 52 weeks = 832 hours of pay per year; assumes 16 hours of work per week for 48 weeks = 768 hours of work per year.
- Base pay is \$10.00 per hour (\$8320 per year), paid in equal monthly payments over the year (\$8320/12 = \$693.33 per month). Peak work load is in the summer.
- Travel is reimbursed at the federal rate (currently \$0.365 per mile).
- \$1800 for partial health insurance premium for employee is provided by OVYM, but arranged by the employee.
- Professional development expenses are reimbursed up to \$500 per year.
- Expenses (room, board) at events are paid by OVYM.

### ESTIMATED HOURS/TASKS

Plan/Attend Teen events	40%
Communications	35%
Committee Meetings	10%
Reports to Yearly Meeting	5%
Other	10%

### TO APPLY:

Send resume and letter of introduction to:  
Jim Coppock, Clerk of OVYM Teen Activities  
Committee, 3473 Ault View Avenue, Cincinnati Ohio  
45208-2518. Phone: h(513) 321-3696, o(513) 352-5305  
E-mail: urbanfelicity@fuse.net

## QUARTERLY MEETING NEWS

### Miami Quarter

Miami Quarterly Meeting will be held Sunday, October 19, 2003 at Miami Monthly Meeting in Waynesville. Following meeting for worship and carry-in lunch, guest speaker, Michael Birkel, Quaker author and Earlham College Professor of Religion, will speak of the spiritual issues which sparked the Quaker migration to Ohio, the largest migration in history based on concern for the civil rights of others. The program will be followed by meeting for business.

### Whitewater Quarter

Whitwater Quarterly Meeting will be held Saturday, October 11, 2003 at the Evangelical Mennonite Church in Grabill, Indiana. Meeting for worship will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will be followed by meeting for business and a carry-in lunch. The afternoon program will be a presentation by Keith Kendall, Executive Secretary of the Associated Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs (ACFIA).

#### QUARTERLY MEETING CLERKS AND OFFICERS

	Miami Quarter	Whitewater Quarter
Presiding Clerk	David Wood	Jane Haldeman
Recording Clerk	Tom Hill	Lou Bucklin
Treasurer	Frank Huss	Peggy Spohr
Committee of Two	Gretchen Stone, Ralph Palmer	
Trustees of Burial Lots	Roland Kreager, Frank Huss, Hu Keily, Lyn Day	

## PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING...

200 YEARS OF QUAKERS  
IN THE WAYNESVILLE AREA AND SOUTHWEST OHIO

BY 1800 Quakers were convinced that slavery was morally wrong. 90 of 100 families in the Bush River Meeting in South Carolina migrated to the Miami country where slavery had been outlawed. Many others followed from Georgia, North Carolina, Virginia, Pennsylvania and other states. By 1803 Miami Monthly Meeting was formally established in Waynesville under the care of Baltimore Yearly Meeting.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR  
THE BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF MIAMI FRIENDS MEETING  
COMMUNITY PRESENTATION  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2003  
2:00pm to 4:00pm

White Brick Meeting House  
Fourth and High Streets  
Waynesville, Ohio

For more information call (513) 897-5946 or (513) 494-2110



# MONTHLY MEETING NEWS

## Campus Meeting

-- Terry Miller, correspondent

Campus Friends welcome Stephen Pothoff, the newly appointed Assistant Professor of Religion and Philosophy at Wilmington College, to their worship community. Stephen comes to us from Minneapolis Friends Meeting but is a member of New Garden Friends Meeting in Greensboro, North Carolina where he grew up.

Kirk Halliday, the son of the late Robert Halliday and Helen Halliday, formerly of Wilmington, worshiped with Campus Friends on August 3 while visiting in the area. He reports that Helen is still active in spite of health-related problems.

Marjorie Young was recently hospitalized due to stress fractures in her spinal cord, the result of a series of falls this past summer. She has since been released, however, and is back at home on Ogden Road. Callers and visitors are welcome.

The third in a series of "spiritual journey" gatherings was held at the home of Ruth and Roy Joe Stuckey. The theme for this gathering was "angels along the way," or important people/mentors in the spiritual journeys of those gathered that evening for the potluck and discussion. The next gathering will be at the home of Dale Hayes and Terry Miller on September 16.

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## Community Meeting

-- Deborah Jordan, correspondent

Summer seems like a good time to sing and rejoice. "As I, a member of creation, sing The burning oneness binding everything." Lisa Cayard is our recently-appointed Clerk with appreciations to Kate Anthony for her 3 years of service.

We welcomed Douglas Burks into membership. He's a professor at Wilmington College and the newly appointed Clerk of Friends Association for Higher Education.

There have been several social get-togethers the past few months, including pool parties and a garbage-free give away and going away party.

During the summer, when we don't have First Day School, we ask adults to sign up to spend time with the children. A good number of people led activities like soccer, card making, and other crafts. One of our new attenders shared her long experience with gardening and plants.

Religious Development and Peace and Social Concerns finally sent out their letter on Conscientious Objection to youth in the Meeting between 17 and 25 years old.

There were 28 people from Community in attendance at Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting in August.

In the fall, we plan to have a Threshing Session to discuss potential long range and ecologically sustainable changes to the house and grounds.

Our annual renewal weekend at Quaker Knoll titled "Growing Seeds of God in the Meeting Community: Up or Down, Open or Close" is scheduled for September 19th to 21st. It will be facilitated by Eileen Bagus, based on a retreat on spiritual gifts that she participated in at Pendle Hill.

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## Eastern Hills Meeting

-- Darlene Palmer, correspondent

Two women in our meeting are testimonials to good simple Quaker living. On April 1, 2003 Elva Rockwell celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with close family and many well-wishes from extended family and (F)riends around the world. She learned afterward that a great-grandson was born that day so she'll have to share her special day in the future, but she assures us that it will be a joy! On August 21, Ruth Coppock Palmer celebrated her 85<sup>th</sup> birthday with her husband, Russell, and sons, Ralph and Wilson, as well as their wives. We congratulate these fine Quaker women on reaching these milestones and thank them for their regular participation and contributions to meeting activities.

On July 6<sup>th</sup> the meeting celebrated Rick Boyce's membership transfer to Eastern Hills from Mountain View Meeting in Denver. Rick is a convinced Friend who began his Quaker journey at New Haven Meeting in Connecticut although his Quaker roots go back to 1747. Rick came to Cincinnati along with his wife, Martha, and sons, Nathan and Seth. He teaches plant physiology and ecology to undergraduates at Northern Kentucky University. Rick is our meeting contact for FCNL and also serves on the Peace and Social Concerns Committee.

We are also very proud of one of our teenagers, Jamie Pogue, who is quite an accomplished pianist. He won a level 10 Solo silver award at the World Piano competition at the Aronoff Center for the Arts on July 7<sup>th</sup>. He was one of five students from the School for Creative and Performing Arts to win an award in this competition. He will go on to play in the finals at Carnegie Hall in New York this November.

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## Yellow Springs Meeting

— Jane Putnam, correspondent

Three new members were welcomed: Edward Hyde, Clyde Replogle & Cindi Butler-Jones.

Regular First Day classes for two groups of children will begin on Sept. 21.

The Ministry & Advancement Committee is planning an all-meeting retreat for the week-end of October 31st.

After over a year of meetings, the Meeting for Business approved the following minute on July 13th.

Yellow Springs Friends Meeting will consider taking under its care marriages of couples, whether homosexual or heterosexual, who wish to make a lifelong commitment to each other, where one of the couple is a member of the meeting.

## Who are the Fort Wayne Friends?

Paul Ricketts

Fort Wayne Friends Meeting was founded in 1965 under the care of Friends Memorial Meeting in Muncie Indiana. We are a diverse meeting with Friends having dual membership in Indiana and Ohio Valley Yearly Meetings. Fort Wayne Friends supports the work of AFSC, FCNL, and Friends School of Detroit. We are active members of the Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and Allen County.

Silence has always been an integral part of our worship. Seven years ago we went from being a semi-programmed meeting to an unprogrammed meeting with ministry shared by all.

Three recent developments have occurred in the life of Fort Wayne Friends. We have moved from our old meetinghouse to Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ in downtown Fort Wayne. We share First Day Sunday School, social concerns projects, and fellowship activities. This has worked out well for our small meeting with few children. We turn over our meetinghouse property this fall to the Indiana Yearly Meeting with a provision that when the meetinghouse is sold, an endowment fund will be set up to benefit Fort Wayne Friends Meeting to support the presence and work of Friends in Northeast Indiana.

Please feel free to visit and worship with us.

Plymouth Congregational Church  
Room 201  
Worship 10:30 am  
501 W Berry St  
Fort Wayne, IN



## **NEWS FROM OUTSIDE OVYM**

### **Friends Center of Ohio Yearly Meeting**

The Clay of Our Manhood: Shaped by Christ  
Led by Thomas Swain  
October 24-26, 2003  
Cost: \$120

As a community of men we plan to examine how our spiritual life is formed and sustained. We will consider a range of options depending upon the needs and gifts of the individuals who come together for this weekend: grief and joy, strength and vulnerability, care for another and care for self, anger and intimacy, love and obedience...

Language for the Inward Landscape  
Led by Bill Taber  
November 14-16, 2003  
Cost: \$120

Across 350 years Quakers who experienced the expanded/transformed consciousness opened up by the Light of Christ have developed a terminology to describe this inward world and its connection to outward activity. During this weekend we shall reverently explore the dimensions of meaning which cluster around some common English words when they are used in this special Quaker way. We shall also explore how this language can help us understand and explain our individual and corporate spiritual experience, and how knowledge of this language can keep us moving on the spiritual journey.

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### **Westheimer Peace Symposium**

Robert F. Kennedy Jr. will headline the quartet of speakers slated for the 13th annual Westheimer Peace Symposium Oct. 29 at Wilmington College. Kennedy, a noted environmentalist and proponent of clean water, was selected to address this year's Peace Symposium theme of "Pollution, Politics and Peace." His presentation, at 10 a.m. in Hermann Court, is titled "Water: Its Social, Political and Ecological Impact."

Other presenters include Sister Paula Gonzalez, futurist, educator and environmentalist; Florence Fulk of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; and Ka Hsaw Wa, an environmental and human rights activist from Burma. Their presentations will be in Boyd Auditorium.

Sister Paula Gonzalez will also be the guest speaker in Cincinnati on the evening preceding the Westheimer Symposium for the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Friends Peace Lecture. Her presentation is titled *Plug Into the Sun: a Pathway to Peace*. This event will be held at Cincinnati Friends Meeting on Tuesday, October 28 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

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### **Woolman Semester**

The Woolman Semester is a single semester program for juniors and seniors in high school. It provides students with a strong foundation from which to build a lifetime of service in the areas of peace, justice and sustainability. Students will take four rigorous academic courses as they earn 30 core and elective credits as well as 120 hours of community service.

In our World Problems course students will analyze economic, historical, political and social issues. Nonviolence is the theme of two complimentary courses. The first, an English credit, literature based Peace Studies course will incorporate critical thinking as students respond to the readings with expository and creative writing. The second, Humanities and Ethics, will take the foundation of Peace Studies to the real world with examination of ethical issues.

This opportunity for analysis, examination and real world application will be the hallmark of the extraordinary experience of The Woolman Semester. Students will have a learning and service work camp-type experience that will stand out on college applications as an exceptional addition to their academic record.

Sierra Friends Center is located in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada on 230 wooded acres with meandering creeks and trails. The staff lives onsite in a community that holds dearly the Quaker values of peace and sustainability, which are apparent in our studies of nonviolence and our organic orchard and garden. A variety of educational programs take place at the center, both short and long term.

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Dear Friends,

I am James Taylor, JT, of North Meadow Circle of Friends. I am working with Pastor John Neece, Chaplain of the Plainfield Juvenile Correctional Facility (formerly known as the Indiana Boys School). We are seeking volunteers to work with the youth at this facility toward studying the scriptures around issues of dignity, the effects of violence on community and the potential of restorative justice.

In addition to this specially focused Bible study, volunteers and the imprisoned youth would have the opportunity to be trained in Help Increase the Peace (HIPP) exercises and become certified HIPP trainers. Volunteers will meet once a week for one hour for a year to lead the Bible study with the youth. Additionally the volunteers and youth will have three 12-hour training sessions in HIPP within the year.

This is a wonderful opportunity to integrate the teachings of the Bible and current skills of dignity, nonviolence and restorative justice. If you have any interest in this commitment, please contact JT at (317)926-5614 or [jaguarjt@earthlink.net](mailto:jaguarjt@earthlink.net)

We promise it will be very rewarding!