



# The Quaker Quill

## Celebrating Friends as Family: Nurturing the Future

### 2010 Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting Sessions: July 28-Aug. 1

What you are offered are five days of spiritual refreshment, intellectual stimulation, and an opportunity to make new (F)riendships and renew old ones as Friends of Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting's monthly meetings gather at Earlham College to participate in activities designed to support and sustain the spiritual lives of yearly meeting Quakers.

As a member of your monthly meeting, you are also a member of the yearly meeting where members and attenders are warmly invited to participate in the 2010 yearly meeting sessions.

Friends from Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky gather for two to five days, depending upon employment and other commitments, with attendance swelling as Friends arrive for Friday evening, Saturday, and Sunday morning sessions. Program offerings include two evening plenary sessions with a major address on both Thursday and Friday evening. Eight different workshops, offered two afternoons, address an array of Quakerly issues and concerns, provide much food for thought and discussion.

Shared meals with other attendees provide informal opportunity to share ideas, experiences, and extended discussion beyond the workshops and business sessions.

The Yearly Meeting bookstore offers opportunity to examine books for sale by and about Quakers and

Quakerism not commonly found in a single location; included are those authored and/or chosen by plenary speakers.

Any Friend with a special interest is encouraged to schedule a special interest group session that may be held any evening following an evening's major activity. Schedule your event upon arrival.

For youth and teenagers, separate recreational opportunities abound for bicycle trips, and swimming interspersed with content loaded interactive programming to encourage young people to think, listen to and exchange ideas with peers and adult leaders about their lives and religious faith. Baby sitting, preschool and elementary age offerings are also included. During the week each age group helps prepare several acts for the Saturday evening talent show, enjoyed by Friends young and old.

Opportunities abound for worship sharing, viewing exhibits, group singing, and alternate worship. Meeting for worship with a concern for business is at the heart of morning activity alternating with afternoon workshop sessions.

For more info: Tunia McClure 812-254-0392 or email to: [tmccclure@rtccom.net](mailto:tmccclure@rtccom.net). After June 1, registration details at: [www.quaker.org/ovym](http://www.quaker.org/ovym).

(Earlham College has no yearly meeting information and asks not to be contacted, please.)

### Clerk's Note

#### Alive and Quiet - Come be with us.

If I had to characterize the business of Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting this year in one word, I would use the word "Quiet". As a clerk, this quietness has given me a slight nervousness. A natural defensive caution can be a good thing for a clerk. However, when I find some Center and evaluate what is going on in the Yearly Meeting, what I see is many Friends powerfully engaged in the monthly meeting community they belong to. This is good. The Yearly Meeting's health is bottom up stuff. It is time now for you to renew yourself. OVYM is part of this process.

As of this writing, the Planning Committee is getting ready to ice the cake on the plans for the 190<sup>th</sup> session of Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting. Almost everything is in place. "Celebrating Friends as Family: Nurturing the Future" is upon all of us. Please come. You will be blessed. Children (18 and

under) are free! Young Adults (18-35) and First Time Attendees come at half-price. More than this bargain, you will meet others from the Ohio Valley region that do this odd centuries old practice of sitting together in silence - and waiting on the Spirit. We will be exploring what it means to be family and to nurture our future.

The Reports in Advance should be available to you about one week in advance of the sessions if you visit our website. Please read them in advance! I am particularly happy to report that there is one LESS business session this year, replaced by one MORE worship session. The call is clear to listen for the spirit within us. If I had to characterize the spirit moving within us in one word, I would use the word "Alive". Come experience the wonder of waiting. Be with us!

*Ben Griffith, Presiding Clerk*

# News & Announcements

## Religious Education

The OVYM RE Committee is deep in discernment around the topic of Eldering. We carry a concern for lifting up this gift of the Spirit and reacquainting ourselves with this Friends tradition. The term "Eldering" has come to have a mostly negative connotation for many Friends and we seek to restore the spiritual worth and power this gift brings for the building up of our faith communities. We have listened to stories of Friends' experiences of Eldering, both positive and negative, from both the Elders and the elderd and it is clear that we need some clarification of what Eldering is and what it is not. We would like to offer information we have gathered and to open an ongoing exploration and discussion of the role of Elder as Spiritual Nurturer. A partial list of the work of an Elder in a meeting includes keeping open

"inward listening space toward God" for the meeting, praying during the meeting for its spiritual condition, keep principles clear during decision making, discerning and calling forth gifts for the benefit of the Community.

We will offer an interest group at Yearly Meeting this year and hope that you will join us in this invigorating and challenging discussion. We invite Friends to contact us with questions, offerings of resources and requests for visitation. If you feel you have a leading to the work of Religious Education, we invite you to contact anyone on the RE Committee or the Nominating Committee.

*submitted by Diann Herzog*

## Joint Youth Retreat

These photos are from the Joint Retreat which included 10 OVYM Middle Youth, Teen and YAF Friends and 3 Friendly Adult Presences. We met from April 30 to May 2nd at a farm of Maie Klaphaak, of the Louisville Meeting, that is being considered for a Quaker retreat site in Marysville, IN. Our theme was "weaving" in various forms. We enjoyed fellowship across age boundaries and reflected on our vision of Quakerism in the future; assisted in work on readying the property for use as a retreat center; and left behind art-enhanced reusable cloth tablecloth and napkins.



## Teen News

The teens have worked hard during the first half of 2010: Painting, taking down a wall, and putting up drywall at the Lexington Meetinghouse, as well as serving dinner and washing dishes at Lexington's Hope Center homeless shelter, all during a retreat over the snowy President's Day weekend in February; then we helped clean out the bunk house, removed trash from the barn, and began clearing a trail in the woods at the property in southern Indiana where a new Quaker center is envisioned, during an inaugural (maybe annual?) multi-generational retreat the first weekend in May.

But it hasn't been all work! We've played, shared meals, worshiped together, made art, and learned more about each other and our Quaker history, traditions, and practices. Teen business meetings have focused on planning future activities and have

resulted in the formation of a teen planning committee, a communication committee, and a ministry and nurture committee.

Next up is the service trip to Cleveland (Friday, June 25, through Sunday, July 4), during which a variety of work experiences - and fun activities, too -- are planned. We'll also be joined for the week by seven teens from Alaska, completing the exchange that began last summer when a group of our young people traveled north. To raise funds for the trip, we are selling Quaker-themed hoodie sweatshirts, and Teen Committee members are hosting dinners in our monthly meetings.

The Yearly Meeting sessions follow at the end of July. The teens have decided that rather than the traditional canoe trip this year, they would like to take a bicycle trip or pursue a climbing activity, and make the canoe trip an every-other-year event.

### Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting Officers

Ben Griffith, Presiding Clerk  
Paul Kriese, Assistant Presiding Clerk  
Deb Kociszewski, Recording Clerk  
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### Comments for the Quaker Quill are appreciated. Find me and tell what you think.

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We have a great group of young people, and I am continually inspired by their energy, insight, openness, and depth.

*Respectfully submitted, Carol Simmons, OVYM Youth Secretary,  
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**Middle Youth at 2009 Sessions**

## **Excerpts from Conversations about Quaker Teens and Violent Media**

— Deborah Jordan —

This past year I heard a young man, Captain Paul K. Chappell, speak about “Will War Ever End?” He is a West Point graduate and Iraq War veteran whose experiences have led him to believe that we must wage peace in order to survive. My teenage son and I were having a more heated than lighted discussion at the time over violent video games. “Everyone has them” was his refrain. He knows the difference between fantasy and reality was his back-up claim. I suggested he ask Paul what he thought of these types of games. I was fairly confident that Paul would answer as he did: he thought they de-sensitized youth to violence and weren’t a good idea even though he had played them and empathized with the desire to fit in. My son, of course, retorted that Paul had turned out o.k.

We all want our youth to “turn out o.k.” Of course, I thought, experiences of violence can provide motivation for peace, but is that the route we want to encourage for our youth? How do other parents negotiate through the culture of violence? One of my coworkers, who is a conservative Christian and one of the few I knew not allowing her child access to violent (first-person shooter) video games, reversed herself and allowed her even younger son to get a first-person shooter game after his lobbying her. I then wondered simultaneously if we (my husband and I) were being too strict and where was the moral compass of our society. I have been a Quaker for 24 years and a peace educator/activist for at least that long. I wrestle with these questions. What does it mean to be Quaker in mainstream culture? How do we Quakers help guide our youth as they form their values? As one Quaker parent said, sometimes in reading the news, she feels like she’s living in a parallel world where her views aren’t reflected. Below is not a prescription but edited excerpts of some thoughtful email exchanges with other Quakers about this topic:

— Howie Baker —

“I agree that violent media can desensitize those who watch it, and will concede the point that kids are more open to said desensitization. I can think of a few points that complicate the debate:

- 1) Kids learn about heroes from watching any media, including violent media. Everyone wants to make a difference, to know that they’re changing the world, to be a hero. Violence is not the hallmark of the hero, though it is a tool that many heroes use. What makes a hero is the willingness to go into harm’s way for a worthy reason, so to make a story with a hero, there must be harm for him to deal with. Without the danger, the hero does not need courage, and the lesson kids learn from heroes is how to be brave in the face of adversity. I agree that violence is overused as the primary way the hero overcomes adversity, and we should be telling stories where our heroes rely on social skills, cunning, professional skills, and social connections.
- 2) Kids learn about villains from watching any media, especially violent media. The hallmark of a hero is courage, and the hallmark of the villain is callousness. The most obvious way to point out a villain is to make the villain violent. This serves a very important purpose, aside from giving the hero something to overcome. Kids watch the villains, and see them overcome by the heroes. The result is that they learn that senseless, hateful violence does not work. A hero with sufficient cunning, skills, and connections can deal with the ones who perpetrate said violence, and it very seldom ends well for the villain. The villain’s lesson is not just that violence is wrong, but that it’s not reliable.
- 3) Violence has its place. That place is very small, and we learn it by watching villains and heroes... Violence has a place in our society in the hands of the police, if they should need to subdue a person who has proven that they are a danger to others

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# Quarterly Meeting News

## Miami Quarterly Meeting

Miami Quarterly Meeting convened on Third Month, 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at Miami Monthly Meeting in Waynesville, Ohio. The session had been postponed from Second Month due to snow and ice. Although the session was held at Miami, Oxford Monthly Meeting hosted Quarterly Meeting. Meeting representatives met during lunch to consider nominations for Quarterly Meeting officers. Frank Huss had agreed to serve another term as Treasurer, and Richard Mitchell agreed to a new two year term as a member of the Committee of Two. This left the positions of Presiding Clerk and Recording Clerk open for nominations, and representatives suggested a number of possibilities. Following lunch, Friends enjoyed the program which was presented by Yellow Springs Monthly Meeting. Eighteen Friends participated in the business session. Frank Huss reported for the Spring Grove Trustees and stated that Horatio Wood and John Hubbard, both former members of Community Meeting, had been interred in the Quaker section of Spring Grove Cemetery in Cincinnati. An ad hoc committee was established to plan the joint quarterly meeting session which is scheduled during Tenth Month, 2010. It was announced that Miami Monthly Meeting will observe the bi-centennial of the White Brick Meeting House during Fifth Month, 2011. Miami Quarterly Meeting session will be scheduled in Waynesville to coincide with the observance which will include a public open house.

The next session of Miami Quarterly Meeting is scheduled on Fifth Month, 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at Eastern Hills Monthly Meeting. This gathering will have occurred by the printing of the "Quill." State of Society Reports will be read during

## Whitewater Quarterly Meeting

Hopewell Friends Meeting (Dudley Township, IN) hosted the Whitewater Quarterly Meeting session on Seventh Day, Fourth Month 17, 2010. After the opening meeting for worship, Friends turned to business. Friends approved a proposal from Lafayette Friends to experiment with holding the next available Quarterly Meeting session on First Day, instead of Seventh Day. The autumn 2010 session will be held in the context of the Joint Quarterly Meeting, to be held at Happy Hollow Camp near Nashville, IN, on Tenth Month 9-10. Thus, the experiment will begin with the winter 2011 session, to be at Lafayette Friends Meeting-house on First Day, First Month 16, 2011. Friends felt that holding Quarterly Meeting sessions on First Day might make attendance and participation more accessible to a wider range of Friends. It was further felt that a nine-month lead time would allow monthly meetings to take this change into consideration in their scheduling of meeting events. (Please note that as of this writing, no decision has been taken regarding the scheduling of the spring 2011

this session. The most pressing matter to come before the business session is the filling of the position of Presiding Clerk. The Quarterly Meeting is blessed that Rachel Dean has accepted the nomination for Recording Clerk. Nevertheless, no one has come forward to answer the nomination for Presiding Clerk. Your incumbent Clerk would feel blessed to have the opportunity to serve another term, but after three years in the position and plans to move to northern Ohio, a successor must be found.

As this is my last article for the "Quill" in behalf of Miami Quarterly Meeting, I wish to thank Friends for the support and love that has been shown to me during the past three years. Thank you to Tom Hill for nominating me. One of my passions is working with young people. I have coached in multiple sports and continue to do so even though my children are adults. I enjoy watching and taking part in the development of maturity and leadership. So I want to express my one disappointment. I had hoped to involve young adult Friends and our teens in business sessions both at the Quarterly Meeting level and OVYM. Their involvement is crucial as they represent the future of our Society. I discussed my thoughts with our previous Youth Secretary and requested that our teens attend at least a portion of Quarterly Meeting business sessions. Their voices are as valid as any other Friend in the search for unity and truth. My suggestions were rejected. I would ask our new Youth Secretary and the Teen Activities Committee to give this some thought.

*Peace, Tom Nowel, Presiding Clerk*

session; Friends plan to turn to this at the autumn 2010 session.)

As is customary at the spring session, Friends shared State of the Meeting reports. Following lunch, we were blessed with an open and searching discussion of a couple of issues that had arisen in particular meetings. This became a time of deep sharing and listening, and Friends felt drawn together through this exchange. We also considered suggestions for making future sessions respond to a wider range of Friends' concerns. Whitewater Friends express their appreciation for Hopewell Friends' gracious hospitality. Friends are grateful for the simple elegance of the meetinghouse and the grounds, which facilitated both fellowship and contemplation. Hopewell Friends were very flexible and responsive to the small group that gathered and to that group's needs and inclinations. The day offered a joyful time of spiritual retreat and refreshment for all those who attended.

*Rex Sprouse, Clerk, Whitewater Quarterly Meeting*

# Monthly Meeting News

## Clear Creek Monthly Meeting

Clear Creek Meeting has enjoyed having a few more regular student attenders this year, both Earlham undergraduates and Earlham School of Religion (ESR) students. Our new time of ten o'clock for Sunday morning worship may have contributed to this as well as to our new family with three young children who are attending regularly. We also expanded our outreach through our former clerk who offered to be a 'supergreeter' every Sunday and also taught Quaker and Bible adult education classes after Meeting for the first few weeks of Fall and Spring semesters (coordinated with student schedules); this was well received by the half dozen students who attended. Several ESR students have attended some of our Meetings for Worship for the Conduct of Business and one has agreed to serve on our Ministry & Oversight Committee.

This past year has seen the continuing of adult education and peace & social concerns activities once a month. Adult education sessions included being guided in Rex Ambler's discernment process for settling into worship, worship sharing in response to scripture readings, and worship sharing about oral ministry. Peace and social concerns included learning about Richmond's new Open Arms Ministries (a clearinghouse started by other Friends Meetings and other churches for coordinating needs-based services), watching an informative DVD about the Israeli occupation of Palestine, discussing a quarterly meeting draft for a sustainability minute, and worship sharing/discussing the Friends testimony on equality. Our other small groups continue to meet monthly; they are (1) book discussion group, (2) poetry & other writing as a spiritual practice, and (3) telling our stories.

## Community Monthly Meeting

Community Friends Meeting approved the following minute for sending to representatives in the House and Senate:

The Religious Society of Friends is opposed to all wars. We do not accept the existence of just wars. On this basis we are opposed to increased U.S. military involvement in Afghanistan.

President Obama, however, argued in his address to the Nobel Committee that the war meets the test of traditional just war theory. Even on the assumption that wars may be just, the president did not make his case. All non-violent alternatives have not been attempted; there is no clear definition of what success in the war would mean; and the victims of the war are mostly innocent civilians, including women and children.

## Dayton Monthly Meeting

Dayton Meeting has been developing our relationship with Englewood Friends, Indiana Yearly Meeting, which meets just north of the city. We shared a retreat last year, have visited one another in worship, and are working on an event to support the Right Sharing Fund. Both meetings are small, so we look forward to more collaboration and a united Friendly presence in the area. In many ways, Englewood has more in common with our meeting than with those in their own Yearly Meeting.

Dayton Friends said our final goodbyes to David and Virginia Wood, who are now settling in as Friends in Residence in

January began with our usual Meeting birthday party and a new clerk. In February we held a Quaker Quest session with two experienced trainers. Several of our members shared their stories and beliefs around a spiritual question and we also shared in rotating pairs on various questions. Members seemed to like this and some expressed a desire for more of this sharing. We are still in the process of discerning whether and when to offer this Quaker Quest experience to potential newcomers with wide publicity.

Another discernment that is happening is whether to become a church partner with Open Arms Ministries which means volunteering, contributing and becoming involved in their decision-making. The needs of people in greater Richmond for help with rent, utilities, food, transportation, etc. are great. Open Arms set a limit of \$250/person/6 months and is barely able to keep up with the demand. Two of us (one an Earlham student) have volunteered and the Meeting has given an end-of-year donation and pledged money for two more quarters at which time we will re-evaluate our involvement.

Our Meetings for Worship have become a little more vocal though the silence is spiritually full for many of us. We continue our occasional singing around the piano, monthly potlucks which sometimes include singing or games, and our annual children's Christmas play and simple gift-making, and our May celebration for students who are graduating. On Mother's Day the children gave out flowers they had planted to various mothers - and to fathers and single folks too!

*submitted by Jane Stowe*

This being the case, we urge all senators and representatives to resist all attempts to appropriate money in support of the war in Afghanistan. (end of minute)

Rachel, Jason and Tobias Dean were welcomed as new members of Community Friends.

Eileen Bagus facilitated a series of five evenings devoted to spirituality in the manner and spirit of Friends.

The peace and Social Concerns Committee has adopted a Cincinnati Public School for the purpose of informing students of problems associated with being recruited for the U.S. military.

*Tim Leonard*

Honolulu Meeting. On Easter, we presented a baby quilt to Charles Gordon, son of attenders Gordon Starr and Melanie Neher, who was born last fall. Christine and Gene Snyder traveled to Austria to visit their newest grandson, Kaleb, where parents Tim and Marci are spending a sabbatical year. The Snyders stayed longer than they intended because of the Iceland volcano, but Christine was back in time for the Quaker Genealogy Conference in Waynesville, which she helps organize every year. The Scarpellis were relieved that daughter Lisa was not delayed in returning from a semester abroad in Spain. Lisa is a third-

generation Earlham student. We continue to hold our clerk and usual Quill correspondent, Terri Scarpelli, in the Light as she undergoes chemotherapy following a lumpectomy earlier this

month. She tires easily, but is in good spirits.

*Nikki Tousley for Terri Scarpelli*

## Hopewell Monthly Meeting

Spring finds Hopewell members cleaning, repairing the Meeting-house, the storage shed, and planting more flowers around the labyrinth. A First day teacher had the students plant seeds and small flower plants to set out and grow for the summer viewing around the labyrinth. We have new gravel, a new floor, a bigger shed to hold the lawnmower and in the future a new furnace. All members have contributed to this remodeling project.

The past year we have had two memorials, a member Edith Doll, yes, when I wrote about it, I misspelled the name. I am sorry. We had a memorial for a beloved attendee, Sue Dice.

## Lafayette Monthly Meeting

SERVICE, VISIBILITY, CAMARADARIE

Some years ago, a group of downtown churches in Lafayette became aware of a need in the community for a noon meal on Sundays for our homeless and low-income neighbors. Trinity United Methodist Church, one of our large downtown congregations was able to provide the needed facilities, and other churches agreed to provide the food and service on a rotating schedule. Lafayette Friends Meeting was approached about providing the meal on Easter Sunday, and we agreed. After discovering that we could provide this one meal each year with relative ease, we began to consider whether we could expand our commitment. We learned that the Lafayette Church of the Brethren, which is a small congregation, was providing the meal on one Sunday of every odd-numbered month. Impressed by their energy and dedication, we offered our assistance, and were warmly welcomed. Now, on the second Sunday of every odd-numbered month, those of us who are available leave Meeting for Worship promptly at 11:00 with our contributions to the potluck-style meal and set up the facility for some 70-80 guests. Our colleagues from the Church of the Brethren arrive around noon with carloads of food, and we all pitch in to serve and clean up. We are pleased that we can serve our less fortunate neighbors, pleased to make our presence in the community more widely recognized, and pleased by the growing friendship between our two memberships, which is leading to the discovery of more possible opportunities for collaboration.

QUAKERISM 102

"Fit for Freedom, Not for Friendship"

Like many Meetings, Lafayette Friends have for some time been enjoying "Quakerism 101" discussions on varied topics after Meeting for Worship once a month. When we learned of the publication of "Fit for Freedom, Not for Friendship," we declared ourselves graduates of Quakerism 101 and eagerly moved on to Quakerism 102. We have participated in lively and far-ranging discussions since February and decided early on that, although we are most interested in contemporary issues of racism within our Society, we are also eager to learn about our early history during the colonial period and through the Civil War, so we are

At the last Meeting while in Silent Meditation I was thinking that slowly we are acquiring second and in one case third generation attendees. Hearing the children in the classroom, taking turns in the classroom is a great joy for us at Hopewell. Sometimes when the Meeting is a Gathered Meeting I think we all feel a sense of wonderment at what a small Meeting can accomplish. We continue to hold in The Light all the people who pray, work and sometimes die to bring Peace and Justice into the world.

*Respectfully submitted Sherita S. Campbell, Hopewell Meeting*

reading the entire book.

We were astounded to learn that Philadelphia Yearly Meeting had Overseers of the Press who approved or denied Friends' applications to publish tracts dealing with issues related to slavery and that Friends could be disowned for publishing something without permission.

We have been reminded that Quakers are neither homogeneous nor perfect; that despite our pacifist testimonies, the decisions of individual Friends to fight or not during the Civil War were wrenching both to the individuals concerned and to the Meetings that did or did not support them.

We have become aware of how much time, forbearance, and wisdom is needed to right a great societal wrong like racism. We are gaining a greater understanding of the positions of those who counsel immediate and decisive action versus those who counsel patient deliberations and have learned to appreciate the decisive roles that are played by both the firebrands and the quiet persuaders.

We are awed and humbled by the financial commitment shown by many Meetings in supporting schools for freed slaves for many years and are proud of our Society's pivotal role in efforts to educate blacks and assist them in becoming self-sufficient after generations of enslavement.

We have been pleased to learn of the prominent role played by many Indiana Friends and are proud to be a part of that heritage. At the same time, we are glad that we have in our group two Friends who grew up in the Philadelphia area in the 1950s and 60s. These Friends will be able to put a personal face on some of the events and issues discussed in the later chapters of the book. We are expecting more lively and enlightening discussions and hope to be able to broaden our thinking on a range of issues related to racism in our Quaker Society and in society at large. We hope that we will find ourselves becoming better Friends as a result.

*submitted by Ann Pellegrino*

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# 2010 Yearly Meeting Program Sessions and Speakers

Plenary Session: Thursday, 7-8.30 pm, July 29

## Max Carter: Nurturing the Spiritual Journey of Our Youth, the Future and Present of Friends

I will share from my experience of working with students at Guilford College in the Quaker Leadership Scholars Program and will reflect on their understanding of and experience with Quakerism and spirituality. Material will be drawn from student responses to an exercise in their course on the roots of the Quaker testimonies, an exercise that asks them to state their current responses to G-d, Christ, the Bible, worship, and the testimonies. These responses will then be linked with the experience of Friends discovering each other in new and vital movements within Quakerism, movements that challenge many of the “orthodoxies” along the entire Quaker spectrum. Related reading material can be found in the January/February 2010 issue of *Quaker Life*, and the writings of Shane Caiborne and Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove. *Max Carter*



Plenary Session: Friday, 7-8.30pm, July 30

## Vonn New: Sounding the Divine

We will explore different doorways into experience of divine presence. Unprogrammed Quaker worship uses silence as a way for us to get our egos and notions out of the way and let Spirit work in us. Ministry comes out of that silence in the form of verbal messages; however, the experience of union with the divine that we experience in worship is beyond what we can express in words. By opening ministry to additional forms of expression, we may approach a more whole sharing of that experience. By inviting ministry as music, movement, and other forms of creative expression, we encourage more gifts from more people in our communities. People of all ages have found these experiences helpful in centering into communal worship, and the sense of being gathered into one body becomes tangible. Inter-generational groups can use these expanded forms of worship to build bridges across age barriers. *Vonn New*



Workshop Wednesday, 1-2 pm, July 28

## Friendly Adult Presence (FAP) training

This program is for adults wishing to volunteer to work with children in OVYM programs, and includes information from a spiritual and legal perspective.

Workshops: Thursday, 1.45-3.15, July 29

### 1. Michael Birkel: Family, Home, and Hospitality in Scripture

In this workshop, we'll explore some biblical stories to consider how in scripture the notion of family reaches beyond the nuclear family, and even the extended family, to include the wider community. As members of God's family, how do we practice hospitality and broaden our notion of spiritual home? It would be useful but not essential for attendees to bring a bible.

### 2. Bill Cahalan: Ecological Vision for a Sustainable Earth

There has been, among Americans and perhaps among Friends, a general discouragement and waning of the “faith in life” as Earth's natural communities unravel, along with the economies and societies dependent on them. This faith is the trusting sense that we are nurtured and will continue to be sustained by the web of life and cosmos. Such a faith begins in childhood and often exists unconsciously, beneath words. I will lecture, invite questions and dialogue, lead a brief guided experience or two, and invite people to walk outdoors to more fully practice seeing with ecological eyes.

### 3. Max Carter: Ramallah Friends Meeting Centennial

This year Friends at Ramallah are celebrating one hundred years of Friends' work in Palestine. We will reflect on how we can nurture our connections with the wider family of Friends, especially the Friends' work in the Middle East now and in the future. Max Carter has taught at Ramallah Friends School, leads annual work/study trips to Israel/Palestine, and recently spent two months in Ramallah for the Centennial celebrations.

### 4. Jennie Isbell: Money? Money! Money

In this provocative workshop, participants will be invited to step into and then back from their understandings of money and to reflect on their own relationships with money and related ideas (prosperity, war, philanthropy, power, etc). Tools used for this exploration will include stories of money, memories such as first money earned, first money given away, and first spent. Additionally, we'll look to sources of authority including scripture, Friends' traditions, and the teaching of the Religious Society of Friends.

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# Registrar's Notes:

If you have questions about registration, please contact Yoshiya Togami at [imago.ty@gmail.com](mailto:imago.ty@gmail.com).

**Anyone who has difficulty paying for the cost** of attending Yearly Meeting should ask your monthly meeting if any assistance is available. Miami Quarterly Meeting also has funds available to support attendance at Yearly Meeting through the Cincinnati Fund. Contact Richard Mitchell at (859) 277-6101 or Susan Hyde at (937) 767-7756 for information about this resource.

**Young Adult Friends and First-Time Attenders** are especially welcomed to Yearly Meeting, and a **50% subsidy of all costs** will be offered to Young Adult Friends (ages 18-35) and First-Time Attenders this year!

**Why do we have to pay a \$50 deposit?** Earlham College requires that we let them know a guaranteed number of participants two weeks before yearly meeting begins. OVYM will have to pay the first day's meals and room for anyone who registers but does not attend. We are therefore asking for a \$50 deposit to complete the registration process. The deposit is not refundable after July 6.

**Lost Keys:** Earlham charges \$40 for lost keys. Anyone who loses a key will be asked to reimburse OVYM for this expense. We will again provide those handy lanyards to help keep track of keys.

**Contributions toward the cost of providing the children and youth programs are greatly appreciated.** Please consider if you are led to help support the Yearly Meeting's subsidy for all children and youth attending.

**The Middle Youth Committee asks that committee meetings should not be scheduled during lunch on Thursday**, to allow for the youth to meet with their Worship Mentors over lunch in the dining room.

**Display Tables:** Anyone wishing to have table space for a display **MUST** indicate this on the registration form.

**Golf Carts** will be available for persons needing transportation. Please check this on the registration form if needed. When you are at Earlham, you may request transportation by calling Runyan Desk (765) 983-1200.

**Housing:** We will again all be housed in the Mills dormitory, between Warren and Wilson. All rooms are air conditioned. There are kitchens and lounges on each floor. You can see a map of Earlham campus on the Earlham website, [www.Earlham.edu](http://www.Earlham.edu) (just click on "about Earlham" and then on "campus map.")

**Single Rooms:** Please indicate on the registration form if you need a single room, or whom you would be willing to room with. The registrar wants to make you as comfortable as possible! But **PLEASE** register early if you prefer a single room, as there are only a limited number available.

**Items to bring:** Earlham College does **NOT** provide linens or towels, so everyone **MUST** bring their own towel, pillow, sheets and blankets. You may want to use the following checklist:

- Towel       Pillow
- Sheets and blankets, or sleeping bags.
- Alarm clock and reading lamp are very useful in the dorm rooms.
- You may also want to bring snacks for evening get-togethers
- Middle Youth** should bring a **bicycle, bicycle lock, helmet, and water bottle.**
- Teens** should bring a **bicycle, bicycle lock, helmet, and water bottle.**
- To help care for the earth, please bring a reusable water bottle and a cloth napkin for meals.**

**Volunteers needed.** Please indicate if you are willing to help with youth or those with special needs. Note that anyone who volunteers to work or drive with the youth must have appropriate training and certification, and volunteer drivers must have appropriate insurance coverage.

**FAPs needed:** The teen group is seeking adults who have had training as a Friendly Adult Presence (FAP) who would be willing to be scheduled for 3 hours of supervision during the night. If you are such a person, please list your name on the teen and middle youth program form. **NOTE: Training for FAPs will be offered from 1:00 to 2:00 on Wednesday if you have not had the training. Please see the registration form.**

*I'm looking forward to seeing you all!  
Your registrar, Yoshiya Togami*



# Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting

## July 28 through August 1, 2010 at Earlham College

### Registration

name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly Meeting \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_ telephone \_\_\_\_\_

- Please check here if you would like registration confirmation by email.  
 If you would like confirmation by regular mail, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Please list the names of all of those who will attend. **Please list the ages of all minors who will be attending.** For adults, list separately the number of workshops that they will be attending on Thursday and Friday from the list below.

First and Last Name	Please give ages of youth attenders			Workshop numbers	
	Jr. 0-11	M.Y. 11-14	Teen 14-18	Thursday	Friday

**Workshop Choices:** Please enter workshop numbers in table above from the following choices.

Thursday

1. Michael Birkel: Family, Home and Hospitality in Scripture
2. Bill Cahalan: Ecological Vision for a Sustainable Earth
3. Max Carter: Ramallah Friends Meeting Centennial
4. Jennie Isbell: Money? Money! Money

Friday

5. Dale Hayes: Providing Pastoral Care When There is No Pastor
6. Shannon Isaacs: HIV, Quakers, Women's Issues, and Genocide in Africa
7. Vonn New: Listening for Muses
8. Silent Worship

**Young Adult Friends ages 18-35** are especially welcomed at Yearly Meeting! We are reserving a wing of the dorm for young adults, and YAFs will receive a 50% subsidy in costs. If you need additional financial assistance, please contact your monthly meeting. (More info on financial aid in registrar's notes.)

- Check here if you want to be housed in the young adult wing.**
- Check here if you plan to attend the workshop for Friendly Adult Presence (FAPs)** for the working with youth. This training will be offered on Wednesday from 1:00-2:00. See the bottom of page 10.
- Check here if you need child care during the FAP training workshop.**
- Check here if you will need display space at YM.** Topic of your display: \_\_\_\_\_

**Names of attenders who are vegetarians:** \_\_\_\_\_

Other dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_

- Check here if you will need assistance with transportation** (a ride on the golf cart between buildings.)

**Lodging:** All rooms will be air conditioned and we will all be in Mills Dormitory. **Teens** will be housed in one wing with parents nearby if possible. **Middle youth** will be in another wing, with parents or sponsors. **Register early** to make sure you get to be housed with your age group! Please indicate which family members will be in the same room:

**Teens, middle youth, and adults:** If there is anyone not on this form you would like to room with (or would be willing to room with) please list their names, so we can place compatible people together!

- Check here if you would prefer a single room.** There are a limited number of single rooms. Register early if you want a single room, as they will be assigned on a first-come first-served basis.

**Early Bird Registration fee: \$20 if Postmarked by July 6. Regular registration fee: \$30** if postmarked after July 6. This fee covers the yearly meeting's use of campus facilities including the Wellness Center, weight room, wireless internet service, staff services, and golf cart for those who need mobility assistance.

# Reservation

**Arrival** (circle):      Wed.    Thurs.    Fri.    Sat.    –    Morning    Afternoon    Evening

**Meals** (check full or part time [or both] below)

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Full Time Attenders:</b>		Number of Adults _____ x \$94.00 =						
		Number of Children (0-18) _____ (no charge for children)						
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Part Time Attenders:</b> Indicate which meals you will eat at Earlham. Enter the number of meals for the entire party in each space, adults (who pay) and children (no charge) separately.								
		Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	totals	
Breakfast	adults	<del>X</del>						Adult Meals x \$7.20 =
	children	<del>X</del>						(no charge for children)
Lunch	adults	<del>X</del>						Adult Meals x \$8.20 =
	children	<del>X</del>						(no charge for children)
Dinner	adults					<del>X</del>		Adult Meals x \$11.60 =
	children					<del>X</del>		(no charge for children)

**Total Meal Charges =**

**Rooms** (check full or part time [or both] below)

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Full Time Attenders:</b>		Number of Adults _____ x \$111.00 =					
		Number of Children (0-18) _____ (no charge for children)					
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Part Time Attenders:</b> Indicate as above how many adults and children will stay in dorms each night. The cost is \$30.00 per night per bed for adults.							
		Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	totals	
	adults						Total x \$30.00 =
	children						(no charge for children)

**Total Room Charges =**

**Summary of Charges:**

	Meals Total	<span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 100%; height: 20px;"></span>
	Rooms Total	<span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 100%; height: 20px;"></span>
Registration Fee: Number of Adults x \$20.00 (\$30.00 if sent after July 6)		<span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 100%; height: 20px;"></span>
Contribution to OVYM		<span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 100%; height: 20px;"></span>
Total: (check payable to OVYM)		<span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 100%; height: 20px;"></span>
<b>Young Adult Friends &amp; 1st Time Attenders – 50% discount</b>	OR	
<b>Young Adult Friends ages 18-35 and First Time Attenders, subtract 50% of total cost</b>		<span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 100%; height: 20px;"></span>

**NOTE: Your registration is not complete until we receive this total or a \$50 deposit (non-refundable if post marked after July 6)**

**Mail by July 6** to Yoshiya Togami - OVYM, 1408 Mount Rainier Dr., Lexington, KY 40517-3836  
There will be no telephone or e-mail registration.

**Volunteering:** Mark the activities you are willing to assist with during yearly meeting. Your name will be forwarded to the coordinators of these activities. They will ask you to designate a time when you check in.

- |   |  |   |                                   |                                 |
|---|--|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Programs:          | <input type="checkbox"/> Teens           | <input type="checkbox"/> Middle Youth                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Children | <input type="checkbox"/> Babies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Driving for field trips: | <input type="checkbox"/> Teen field trip | <input type="checkbox"/> Middle Youth field trip                      |                                   |                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bookstore                | <input type="checkbox"/> Registration    | <input type="checkbox"/> Assisting a person with physical limitations |                                   |                                 |

Note that anyone who volunteers to work or drive with the youth must have appropriate FAP training and certification, and volunteer drivers must have appropriate insurance coverage. Please check the box on page 7 if you will be attending FAP training.

**FAPs needed:** The teen group is seeking adults who have had training as a Friendly Adult Presence (FAP) who would be willing to be scheduled for 3 hours of supervision during the night. If you are such a person, please list your name

here: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Training for FAPs will be offered from 1:00 to 2:00 on Wednesday if you have not had the training.

## TEEN AND MIDDLE YOUTH PROGRAMS

**Families:** The Yearly Meeting pays all costs for children 18 years of age or younger, to encourage families to participate in the sessions. However, be sure to register all persons who will be attending, including children and babies for whom there is no charge to you. **Remember to register early to make sure teens and middle youth get to be housed with their age group!**

**Middle Youth Program** participants are those aged 11, 12, 13 or 14 on July 30, 2010. 11 year olds may choose either the Children's Program or the Middle Youth Program. 14 year olds may choose either the Middle Youth Program or the Teen Program. Middle youth should bring a bicycle, bicycle lock, helmet, and water bottle.

**Teen Program** participants are those age 14 on July 30, 2010, through those who graduated from high school in 2009. 14 year olds may choose either the Middle Youth group or the Teen group. Teens should bring a bicycle, bicycle lock, helmet, and water bottle for the bicycle trip.

**Parents Please Note:** All teens and middle youth will be housed in the same dorm with their parent(s) or a designated sponsor. **Middle youth will be housed with or next to parents.**

**Parents and sponsors must agree to the following responsibilities:**

1. Attend the parent/sponsor orientation meeting at 9:00 pm Wednesday evening.
2. Middle Youth Parents/sponsors are responsible for middle youth during all non-program times.
3. Middle Youth Parents/sponsors are responsible for getting them to their youth program on time.
4. Teen Parents/sponsors are responsible for teens after 11:00 pm except on Saturday night.
5. Make sure the 11:00 PM quiet time is honored, and that youth stay in the dorm after this time.
6. Teen parents/sponsors are responsible for monitoring the teens on your hall one night during yearly meeting after lights are out, to make sure they are quiet and in their own rooms.



**FAPs needed:** The teen group is seeking adults who have had training as a Friendly Adult Presence (FAP) who would be willing to be scheduled for 3 hours of supervision during the night. *See bottom of page 10.*

**All Middle Youth and Teens must have a permission slip on file to participate in these programs. Please be sure to send the attached forms to the registrar with the rest of your reservation. Copy this form if registering more than two youths or teens (there is another form on the reverse side).**

**The teens decided at the May retreat to have a bike trip rather than canoing this year.**



### TEEN & MIDDLE YOUTH REGISTRATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

When will you arrive? \_\_\_\_\_ How long will you stay? \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

(Each Middle Youth or Teen must have a parent or sponsor who agrees to the responsibilities above)

**Parent/ Guardian Consent and Medical Release:** I give my consent for \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the Teen or Middle Youth program at the OVYM sessions held at Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana, July 28 – August 1, 2010. I hereby release the OVYM and its staff and volunteers from any liability for any injury or illness my son/daughter may experience during the Yearly Meeting. I authorize the staff or volunteers of OVYM, or the above-named sponsor, to consent to any emergency care that may be needed in my absence, following recommendations of qualified health care providers. In the event that my son/daughter needs special medications and is unable to administer them, I give permission for an adult to administer the medications. I will be responsible for any medical treatment.

Parent/guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Thursday Afternoon Worship, 3.45-4.45, July 29

### Worship in Three Forms:

Spirituality through Music and Sound: guided by Jamie Fota and Vonn New

Spirituality through Movement and Dance: led by Heidi Fledderjohn

Spirituality through Worshipful Silence: Stout Meeting House

### Workshops: Friday, 1.45-3.15, July 30

#### 5. Dale Hayes: Providing Pastoral Care When There is No Pastor

In this workshop, we will broadly examine the notion of “pastoral care” and explore specifically what pastoral care means for unprogrammed Friends. How do we nurture our meeting family? The facilitator will share some examples of what his monthly meeting is doing by way of pastoral care for older friends and facilitate a discussion among attenders as to what other meetings are doing to care for members of all ages and the challenges they face in meeting pastoral needs.

#### 6. Shannon Isaacs: HIV, Quakers, Women’s Issues, and Genocide in East Africa

We will start with a moment of silence. I will show pictures from my trip in summer, 2009, to Burundi and Rwanda along with some basic informational slides regarding the issues presented in the title of this workshop. Together, we will consider these interrelated problems. I will prepare some queries for reflection and we will discuss questions raised by workshop participants. We will close with silence.

#### 7. Vonn New: Listening for Muses

We will combine meeting for worship with musical improvisation, movement, poetry, visual art, and other collaborative forms of expression. We will do exercises to build confidence and comfort with techniques of improvisation in sound and movement. In worship-sharing, we will explore how these alternative forms help us to open to new, non-verbal experiences of the Divine. In preparation, attenders might practice listening to the world around them considering: what sounds do I find beautiful and annoying? If annoying, does my attention change the sound? Can I hear beauty in the details of sound that I had not noticed before? What sounds make me feel joyful, generous, open, longing, sad?

#### 8. Silent Worship:

Friends are invited to gather, reflect, and share in a time of worship at Stout Meeting House.



### TEEN & MIDDLE YOUTH REGISTRATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

When will you arrive? \_\_\_\_\_

How long will you stay? \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

(Each Middle Youth or Teen must have a parent or sponsor who agrees to the responsibilities above)

Parent/ Guardian **Consent and Medical Release:** I give my consent for \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the Teen or Middle Youth program at the OVYM sessions held at Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana, July 28 – August 1, 2010. I hereby release the OVYM and its staff and volunteers from any liability for any injury or illness my son/daughter may experience during the Yearly Meeting. I authorize the staff or volunteers of OVYM, or the above-named sponsor, to consent to any emergency care that may be needed in my absence, following recommendations of qualified health care providers. In the event that my son/daughter needs special medications and is unable to administer them, I give permission for an adult to administer the medications. I will be responsible for any medical treatment.

Parent/guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

# OVYM 190 Annual Sessions, July 28 - August 1, 2010

## Celebrating Friends as Family: Nurturing the Future

Adult	Teen	Middle Youth	Children
Mills	Mills	Mills	Orchard Room, Runyon Ctr
<b>Wednesday – Registration, 12:00 - 9:00pm – Runyon Center</b>			<i>Site Manager: Tunia McClure</i>
1:00 - 2:00 pm FAP Training			child care available
2:30 - 5:00 pm Worship and Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business	2:30 - 5:00 pm Get Acquainted	2:30 - 5:00 pm Get Acquainted games, crafts and swim	2:15 - 5:00 pm program get acquainted activities set up the classroom
5:15 - 6:15 pm dinner			
6:15 - 6:45 pm Singing	6:30 - 7:00 pm schedule program	6:30 pm preparation for Get Acquainted	6:30 - 7:00 pm Children and Sponsor Orientation - meet the teachers, discuss the plans
Get Acquainted Activity for All Ages and Welcoming Worship Hosted by Teens - Runyon Comstock Room			
9:15 - 10:00 pm Interests Groups	9:00 - 10:00 pm parent / sponsor / Teen meeting	9:00 - 10:00 pm parents meet with Middle Youth leaders and staff	9:00 - 10:00 pm with parents
<b>10:00pm - 12:00 am Social Time near Bookstore</b>	10:00 - 11:00 pm Teen time in dorm	10:00 pm quiet time	10:00 pm quiet time
11:00 pm quiet time in dorms			

<b>Thursday – Registration 7:30 - 8:00 am, 12:15 - 12:45 pm and 5:15 - 5:45 pm – Runyon Center</b>			<i>Site Manager: tba</i>
7:00 - 7:30 am Worship at Stout Meetinghouse			
7:30 - 8:30 am breakfast, Newcomer Welcome Table			
8:45 - 9:45 am Worship Sharing	8:45 - 2:30 Bike Trip. (Adults welcome). Packed Lunch	8:45 - 10:30 am ?	8:45 - 9:30 am Worship Sharing
10 am - 12:30 pm Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business		10:30 am - 12:15 pm Bicycle Safety.	9:30 am - 12 pm program
12:15 - 1:15 pm lunch		12:15 - 1:15 pm lunch w/ worship mentors	12:15 - 1:15 pm lunch
1:45 - 3:15 pm Workshops †		1:30 - 2:30 pm ?	1:30 - 5:00 pm ?
New Thursday Afternoon Worship time Worship in three forms 3:45 - 4:45 pm * note		2:30 - 5:00 pm bike, swim, crafts	
5:15 - 6:15 pm dinner			
6:15 - 6:45 pm Singing	gather for plenary	6:30 - 8:45 pm program	6:15 - 6:45 pm with parents
<b>Plenary Session: Max Carter 7:00 - 8:30 pm</b>			6:45 - 8:45 pm program
9:00 - 10:00 pm Interest Groups	9:00 - 10:00 pm Teen program	9:00 - 10:00 pm with parents	9:00 - 10:00 pm with parents
<b>10:00 - 12:00 pm Social Time near Bookstore</b>	10:00 - 11:00 pm Teen time in dorm	10:00 pm quiet time in dorm	10:00 pm quiet time in dorm
11:00 pm - quiet time in dorms			

† Thursday Workshops:	location
1. Michael Birkel: Family, Home and Hospitality in Scripture	
2. Bill Cahalan: Ecological Vision for a Sustainable Earth	
3. Max Carter: Ramallah Friends Meeting Centennial	
4. Jennie Isbell: Money? Money! Money	

**\* Worship in Three Forms: Spirituality Through Music and Sound (Wilkinson), Spirituality Through Movement and Dance (location TBA), Spirituality through Worshipful Silence (Stout Meetinghouse).**

The <b>Bookstore</b> is in the Leeds Gallery in Runyon.	Coffee and <b>Registration</b> are next to the Bookstore.	The <b>exhibits</b> are located in the corridor in Runyon.	<b>Stout Meeting House</b> is open for worship at all times.
<b>Wifi</b> (wireless computer network) public access is in the Runyon west side.	The <b>Simple Meal</b> is Saturday lunch with savings donated to RSWR.	<b>Interest Groups</b> will be posted on the Registration bulletin board.	Both Teens and MY need to bring their bicycles.

<b>Adult</b>	<b>Teen</b>	<b>Middle Youth</b>	<b>Children</b>
Mills	Mills	Mills	Orchard Room, Runyon Ctr
<b>Friday – Registration 7:30 - 8:00 am, 12:15 - 12:45 pm and 5:15 - 5:45 pm – Runyon Center</b>			<i>Site Manager: tba</i>
7:00 - 7:30 am Worship at Stout Meetinghouse			
7:30 - 8:30 am breakfast, Newcomer Welcome Table			
8:45 - 9:45 am Worship Sharing	8:30 - 11:00 Teen program	8:45 am - 5:00 pm	8:30 am - 12 pm program
10:00 am - 12:30 pm Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business		Canoe Trip	
12:15 - 1:15 pm lunch			12:15 - 1:15 pm lunch
1:45 - 3:15 pm Workshops †			1:30 - 4:30 pm program
3:30 am - 4:30 pm Memorial Meeting - Stout Meeting House	Teen program		
5:15 - 6:15 pm dinner			
6:15 - 6:45 pm Singing			
<b>Plenary Session: Vonn New 7:00 - 8:30 pm</b>	7:00 - 10:00 pm Teen program	6:30 - 8:45 pm movie	6:45 - 8:45 pm program
9:00 - 10:00 pm Interest Groups		9:00 - 10:00 pm with parents	9:00 - 10:00 pm with parents
<b>10:00 - 12:00 pm Social Time near Bookstore</b>	10:00 - 11:00 pm Teen time in dorm	10:00 pm quiet time in dorm	10:00 pm quiet time in dorm
11:00 pm - quiet time in dorms			
<b>† Workshops: Friday</b>			location
5. Dale Hayes: Providing Pastoral Care When There is No Pastor			
6. Shannon Isaacs: HIV, Quakers, Women's Issues, and Genocide in East Africa			
7. Vonn New: Listening for Muses			
8. Silent Worship			
<b>Saturday – Registration 7:30 - 8:00 am, 12:15 - 12:45 pm and 5:15 - 5:45 pm – Runyon Center</b>			<i>Site Manager: tba</i>
7:00 - 7:30 Worship - Stout; Walking Meditation (start from Registration)			
7:30 - 8:30 Breakfast, Newcomer Welcome Table			
8:45 - 9:45 am Worship Sharing	8:45 am - 12:00 pm	8:30 am - 12:00 pm	8:30 am - 12:00 pm program
10 am - 12:30 pm Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business	Teen program Business Meeting	service project	
12:15 - 1:15 pm lunch - Simple Meal.		MY: bag lunch	Children: lunch- Simple Meal
1:15 - 2:45 pm Living Witness Byron and Wilhelmina Branson		1:15 - 4:00 pm program	1:30 - 4:00 pm program
3:00 - 4:00 pm Simply Speaking			
5:15 - 6:15 pm dinner			
6:15 - 6:45 Singing			
<b>7:00 pm Variety Show</b>			7:30 - 8:30 pm childcare for ages birth - 7, as needed
9:00 - 11:00 pm The Afterthoughts Café: pizza and socializing in Runyon Comstock Room	9:00 - 10:00 pm Teen program 10:00 - 11:00 pm Teen time	9:00 - 10:00 pm pizza time 10:00 pm - Quiet time in dorm	9:00 - 10:00 pm with parents 10:00 pm quiet time in dorm
11:00 pm - quiet time in dorms			
<b>Sunday – Registration 7:30 - 8:00 am – Runyon Center</b>			<i>Site Manager: tba</i>
7:00 - 7:30 am Worship - Stout Meetinghouse; Walking Meditation (start from Registration)			
7:30 - 8:30 am Breakfast			
8:45 - 9:45 pm Worship Sharing	8:45 - 9:45 pm Closing & Epistle	8:45 - 9:45 pm closing appreciations & Epistle	8:45 - 9:45 pm work on Epistles and clean up
10:00 - 11:00 Business Meeting and read Epistles			
11:15 am - 12:15 pm Worship at Stout Meetinghouse – MY sit with worship mentor			
12:30 - 2:00 lunch and Committee Meetings - <b>2 p.m. Checkout</b>			

## Lexington Monthly Meeting

We have had a busy time at LFM. This report of activity is offered in the spirit of both honoring the labor of local Friends and providing Yearly Meeting Friends with only the briefest of summaries -- as always, we welcome opportunities to elaborate on any of this activity.

Recent spiritual programming include: our Spring Retreat at Pine Mountain that included reflection on how we respond to conflict in the meeting; a spiritual nurture potluck on Listening Spirituality; and we continue to enjoy our First Hour discussions on a wide range of topics.

Our middle youth and teen group have spent First Day School time engaged in their own meeting for worship with concern for business to consider a proposal to offer Tai Chi instruction at rise of meeting. In general, our First Day School attendance continues to fluctuate widely, including weeks when our nursery/toddler room has enjoyed as many as 5 children of guests and infrequent attenders.

We hosted Marchers to Frankfort for "I love mountains day," a collaborative effort state-wide effort to lobby our state legislature regarding mountain top removal

During the March "Nehemiah Action" of the local BUILD (Building a United Interfaith Lexington) collaboration of faith communities working together on identified issues of social justice in the area, LFM received recognition as being the first "congregation" to have in attendance the same number of members as average worshippers. BUILD continues to raise the city's awareness of key issues, and we are energized by these large gatherings -- this year of almost 1,300 people.

## Miami Monthly Meeting

Annual Fort Ancient Worship and Picnic  
Miami Monthly Meeting's annual outdoor Meeting for Worship and Picnic at Fort Ancient will be July 18th. As always, members from other Meetings are invited to join with us under the trees at this ancient Native American site for the worship, fellowship, good food, and hike through the historic site that is a hallmark of this yearly gathering.

### Easter Celebrations

Our annual Easter Day began with a wonderful breakfast and fellowship around the table. Meeting for Worship was very well attended and was followed by an Easter Egg Hunt for the children, who really enjoyed themselves.

## Yellow Springs Monthly Meeting

The good news is that our meeting has a significant number of children in our First-day School. In addition to local children, two families regularly drive to our Meeting from Columbus and contribute six children.

We continue our schedule of adult First-day events at the ten o'clock hour. This includes worship sharing and a monthly "know-thy-friend" time in which one of our meeting tells us of his or her spiritual journey.

George Brose spoke to us about his work as a mediator in East

The homeschool group that rents our Meetinghouse received an EcoArt grant from LexArts/Lexington Fayette Urban County Government for planning and executing a "Friendly Garden" around the Meetinghouse. As a meeting we have previously visioned a garden in the rear of the Meetinghouse, and this project seems like a way we can participate in seeing that vision become reality. We've had parking lot asphalt removed, the homeschool group has had raised beds installed, and work has begun on the garden. A member of the meeting is working with the homeschool group and serving as liaison between the homeschool group and the meeting.

We reflect on ways that we are aware of the serious economic pressures felt by our community during this time. For example, the Manchester Center, the neighborhood center that has for years been the recipient of our Christmas outreach project efforts, has been threatened with closure due to lack of funding. And two of our members who experienced long-term unemployment have, after long waits, been able to find employment only by leaving the Lexington area. While we have rejoiced with them on their new employment, we miss their active presence in our meeting.

Nevertheless, we continue to be cautiously optimistic and have moved forward in our work towards raising the funds needed to accomplish badly needed renovations to the meetinghouse, and enjoyed a recent "kickoff" event that included original song and dramatic presentation, envisioning our new building "speaking" to us about the ways our ministry will be improved once the renovations have taken place. Our stalwart building committee continues to wrestle with the current building, including flooding in our basement during a recent very heavy rain that affected much of the state.

*submitted by Gail Koehler*

### Speaking of Children

Dez Kingston has finished his chemotherapy and is doing well. Thanks to all of you who held him and his family in the Light over the past couple of years.

Scotty McCulloch, a long time member of this Meeting, has moved into assisted living at Quaker Heights Care Community. In addition to holding him in the Light, those of you who know him may want to drop him a note or send him a card.

### First Day School on Sandwick Island Leper Colony

On June 13th, Carol Bretzler came to speak to the Adult First Day Class on Father Damien, the priest who worked with the leper colony on Sandwick Island in the 19th Century. Carol's talk was interesting and educational. *Lonny Burger*

### Africa.

Terry Snider is scheduled to speak about his work with the Navajo shepherds in Arizona.

Friends continue vigils on Saturday in opposition to war. We also participate in vigils in Lucasville or Columbus when an execution takes place -- now a monthly atrocity in Ohio!

We expect to finalize an agreement with Antioch College that gives the Meeting control of Rockford Chapel with a 99-year lease. Details are being worked out. *In the Light, Carl Hyde*

## News & Announcements

### Excerpts from Conversations about Quaker Teens and Violent Media

(Quakers have historically supported the existence of a governmental police force that can physically remove threats to the general wellbeing). Violence is also useful for self-defense. I admire those who say they will not fight for their own life, but that's a matter for the individual conscience. I have made it a point to study violence (*martial arts*), should I need it to defend myself or someone I love... Practicing the moves provides exercise that keeps one healthy, and if someone else should try to deprive you of your health, the moves may prevent them from doing so." — *Howie Baker, Louisville Monthly Meeting*

— Carol Simmons —

"One of my favorite things about being an adult is I get to choose for myself what makes sense and feels right for me. I choose my spiritual community; I choose the rules for my home; I choose the people with whom I associate; I even choose my employment situation (to some extent, and some people are luckier than others on that front). Kids don't have much choice, certainly not in comparison. I'm not suggesting something different, but I appreciate the impulse to chafe against boundaries as defined by someone else. Choices of course increase with growth and maturity, and my household has had its fair share of conflict around the tensions between my sense of the children's maturity and their sense of it. Because despite my appreciation for the questioning, even rebellious spirit, I believe that we have the responsibility and the right to say what is or is not OK in our own homes and communities. I believe that our children appreciate that we have values that guide us, especially when they know that those values come from a place of love. Rules for the sake of rules make no sense; but I believe firmly that rules established through loving discernment offer guideposts and security. And I think it's OK to have rules that differ from their friends, even their Quaker friends.

I appreciate Howie's reflections on gender and heroes. I've thought a lot over the years about the heroes of our culture, and how often violence is part of their M.O. When my boys were younger, we did a series in First-Day School on Quaker heroes and heroines. I had the idea of developing a superhero Quakerman. His catchphrase: "I come in peace." But the boys just thought that was silly. I thought the hero unit was helpful, though, in showing non-violent ways of being a hero. I think it's a topic worth repeated visiting no matter the age. The late Kay Hollister — longtime OVYM Religious Education mainstay and partner to her husband, Barry, during his appointment as Quaker representative to the United Nations in the 1970s — used to say that it's important to teach children about how many people there are working for peace in the world. I've come to feel that it's important for all of us — it certainly is for me — so as to stave off feelings of being overwhelmed by the troubles of our time.

In thinking about violence in the context of my own life, I cannot think of any circumstance when I believe that violence is best practice. But I must admit that if someone entered my home and threatened the safety of my children, I would do whatever I had

to do to stop him or her. That's where I am in my personal evolution." — *Carol Simmons, Yellow Springs Monthly Meeting*

— Gail Koehler —

"Sometimes the image of a parallel world is exactly right — the disconnect between what we say we want for children even as a society, never mind as Quakers, compared to the life we set them down into, was particularly profound when they were small. And sometimes the disconnect between those two is still striking. Over the weekend we watched a benefit screening of a documentary film "Straightlaced: how gender's got us all tied up," done by a group called Groundspark, as part of their Respect for All Project — a film the producer/director said she undertook because she had teenaged boys, and was tired of the pressures they were under to be narrowed down, to be less than the wonderfully diverse, individual people she knew them to be (<http://groundspark.org>).

And part of the refrain in the film, along with the need to accept people for who and what they are, is the fact that boys are told in myriad ways they must "be" a certain way, and that way tends to be about power and force and, yes, violence." — *Gail Koehler, Lexington Monthly Meeting*

— Nikki Coffey Tousely —

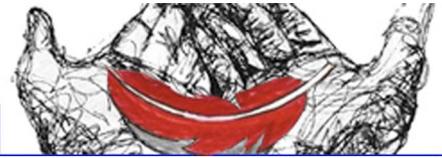
"I would say that violence is always wrong, but in the moment we may seem to need to make a tragic choice due to past failures. I like the point about heroes, though, and think we do need to tell those stories. When AVP introduces its central concept of transforming power in the face of violence, it is usually through stories. I think another important issue here is the question of at what point a child/emerging adult is ready to make his or her choices about moral decisions. It is a hard transition for parents and teens, with a lot of cautious testing. I know some Quaker parents who on this issue have said with older children that they would not forbid violent video games, but would not buy them, sending the message "these are our values; you need to be clear on yours." That said, we don't just choose our values, and parents and the meeting community do have a responsibility to foster Quaker values among the teens and to protect them from truly harmful decisions. I would say the most important role of the teen community is to be a place that supports being "different" from the world in crucial ways, including non-violence. (In fact, one teen said this summer in worship sharing that having this community gave him hope for the future, because he was not alone in his beliefs about what the world could and should look like.) Yet at some point we have to let teens work out what that means in their own lives." — *Nikki Coffey Tousley, Dayton Monthly Meeting*

— Deborah Jordan —

Thank you to Gail who started the email exchange and to all those who shared their thinking. — *Deborah Jordan, Community Monthly Meeting*

## News From The Broadacre

Accepting Gifts of the Spirit 2010 FGC Gathering



Bowling Green State University on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July through the 10<sup>th</sup> of July  
See <http://www.fgcquaker.org/gathering/> for more information

### History of the Lauramoore

The Lauramoore Friends Home is a beautifully preserved 14-room Victorian home, located on 1.3 beautiful acres. The home is furnished with antiques of the period. Formerly a private residence, it is now incorporated as a non-profit organization, administered by Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting (Religious Society of Friends/Quakers). It is open to individuals of all faiths.

The house was built in 1860 by Thomas and Mary Birdsall. Mary Thistlethwaite Birdsall is a significant figure in Indiana and national history. She was involved in social movements of the period, and was particularly committed to the issues of emancipation, temperance and women's suffrage. Her writings were published in the *Indiana Farmer* and later she was co-editor of *The Lily*. She was instrumental in the organization of the Indiana Association for Women's Rights and was several times secretary of the National Conference for Women's Rights during the 1850's. She was one of the first three women ever to address the legislature of Indiana.

The house was sold to Charles and Laura Moore in 1899. In 1927, it was acquired by the Whitewater Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends. The members of this meeting owned and

worshiped in the Hicksite meetinghouse on North A Street before selling it to the Wayne County Historical Museum. The house was opened as a boarding/retirement home in 1927 for Quakers and others in need of independent housing. It also served as a temporary meeting place for Whitewater Monthly Meeting, with worship in the parlor. At that time a frame addition was added on the north and west corner of the house.

In 1951, the Lauramoore was incorporated as a not-for-profit, tax exempt charitable organization. It has a Board of Directors which meets quarterly. A subcommittee of the board, comprised mostly of local Richmond Quakers, is charged with the daily operations of the Lauramoore. The staff is hired by and reports to this committee.

The style of construction of the house is considered to be Italianate Gothic, using a cruciform ground plan. The brick used in the original structure was made nearby on the Thistlethwaite property. This unique home exhibits Victorian charm and is filled with period decoration and antiques. The grounds include a small woods, gardens, and 24 species of mature trees.



2009 Yearly Sessions Icecream Social at Lauramoore Friends Home

The Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board recommended the Lauramoore in 1999 for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places, and also to be considered a National Historic Landmark. This recommendation has been forwarded to the Keeper of the National Register with the National Park Service, and in September 1999 was named to the National Register of Historic Places.

The mission of the Lauramoore is: "To provide an excellent, moderately priced retirement home, in a loving family atmosphere, and to maintain and preserve the historically significant building." There are rooms for nine residents and all meals are provided, with staff on duty 24 hours a day. Residents are expected to be independent and may come and go freely. If needed, home health care can be arranged by the Lauramoore with an outside provider.

This and more at [www.quaker.org/lauramoore/](http://www.quaker.org/lauramoore/)



## Mt Gilead Friends Retreat – Workshops on "Connecting with Spirit"

### The Gift of Possibility in Times of Transition

With Gracia Valliant, June 19, 9-3:30 – This workshop will explore the hidden gifts of possibility within us. Participants will explore areas in their lives which seem ready to be left behind through journaling, body movement, collage and other forms of art.

Register by June 10; workshop fee is \$45

Location: Friends Meeting House, on Moores Pike just west of Smith Road, Bloomington, IN

### Christian Icons

With John Berry, July 24, 9-12 -This workshop will explore how icons preserve and deepen the teachings of the early Christian church. We will also explore their impact today on our own faith.

Register by July 14; workshop fee is \$25

Location: Friends Meeting House, on Moores Pike just west of Smith Road, Bloomington, IN

### Centering Prayer "A Contemplative Retreat"

With Forrest Gilmore, September 11, 9-3:30 – Centering Prayer invites the quietness and stillness of meditation, while allowing the heart to be filled with God. We will learn some of the dynamics of transcending the self, spending much of our time in quiet contemplation.

Register by September 1; workshop fee is \$45

Location: Friends Meeting House, on Moores Pike just west of Smith Road, Bloomington, IN

To register or for more information call 812-679-6835 or email [mtgilfr@bloomington.in.us](mailto:mtgilfr@bloomington.in.us) or [eder@indiana.edu](mailto:eder@indiana.edu)

## Wilmington College's Watson Library Launched its first "Preservation Week"

This year the American Library Association has launched its first "Preservation Week", May 9-15, with an emphasis on collecting and caring for objects of family and community significance. Wilmington College's Watson Library invited contributors to preserve their own family's or meeting's paper history (old journals, programs, interesting letters, photographs, drawings) by computer scanning them and burning



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to CDs. Watson staff members were willing to work with contributors by appointment (937.382.6661 x346 or x345) in exchange for the donation of an electronic copy to Watson Library for preservation and for research. They could learn to scan their own treasures or they could have work alongside Watson staff. Their originals will remain in the contributors care and they will receive CDs that can be duplicated to share with others.

**An Aside** Barbara Smuts, a professor at the University of Michigan, has studied baboons. While with a troop of baboons which she had come to know very well, she observed them sit silently. In an interview with her, NPR's Robert Krulwich commented: "It sounds like they were almost doing a, you know, a Quaker kind of thing." In a paper in the "Journal of Consciousness Studies" she talks of this.

One experience I especially treasure. The Gombe baboons were travelling to their sleeping trees late in the day, moving slowly down a stream with many small, still pools, a route they often traversed. Without any signal perceptible to me, each baboon sat at the edge of a pool on one of the many smooth rocks that lined the edges of the stream. They sat alone or in small clusters, completely quiet, gazing

at the water. Even the perpetually noisy juveniles fell into silent contemplation. I joined them. Half an hour later, again with no perceptible signal, they resumed their journey in what felt like an almost sacramental procession. I was stunned by this mysterious expression of what I have come to think of as baboon sangha. Although I've spent years with baboons, I witnessed this only twice, both times at Gombe. I have never heard another primatologist recount such an experience. I sometimes wonder if, on those two occasions, I was granted a glimpse of a dimension of baboon life they do not normally expose to people. These moments reminded me how little we really know about the 'more-than-human world'.

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## Quaker Heights Care Community Hires Fund Raising Consultant

Survival and growth to meet the needs of those who need care and love requires support. Support must come in the form of capital. Some capital must come from donors. Donors must have a relationship with the organization and a passion for the mission. The process for building a case and asking for support requires mindfulness of the "calling" for fund raising as a shared human condition.

Quaker Heights has now engaged a professional consultant to help the organization prepare to formally create this development program. Farr Healy Fund Raising Consultants, LLC were selected after a panel interview by board, committee and staff members. Robbe Healey and Theresa Hanne began work in April. Both individuals have extensive experience with other long term care Quaker organizations in the Philadelphia area as well as full program start-up consulting. Robbe was highly recommended by Jane Mack, the current Executive Director for Friends Services for the Aging, who worked with Robbe at the Hickman, the West Chester, PA boarding home that the Friends Boarding Home was modeled after in 1905.

Robbe Healy stated that she enjoys the work with Quaker

## Quaker Heritage Center, Wilmington College

### Bridges of Friendship

"Bridges of Friendship: How Children Learn About Other Cultures" exhibit is being held at the Quaker Heritage Center, Peace Resource Center and Watson Library of Wilmington College from March 3 through October 1, 2010.

The exhibit explores how children learn about diverse cultures through books, dolls, festivals and music with an emphasis on the 1927 Friendship Doll Project between Japan and the United States. The exhibit includes nearly 100 international dolls and can be viewed Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturdays June 26, August 28 and September 25 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. the college is located at 1870 Quaker Way, Wilmington, Ohio 45177. For more information visit [www.wilmington.edu/qhc](http://www.wilmington.edu/qhc) or contact Curator Ruth Dobyms at (800) 341-9318 ext. 719 or [ruth\\_dobyms@wilmington.edu](mailto:ruth_dobyms@wilmington.edu)

### Farwell Party for 1927 Friendship Doll: Ellen C.

On July 24 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. the Quaker Heritage Center of Wilmington College will host a farewell party for the Wilmington 1927 Friendship Doll Ellen C. before she returns to her school children in Japan. Join us and write a letter of thanks to the Japanese children.

The Quaker Heritage Center is located at 1870 Quaker Way, Wilmington, Ohio 45177. For more information visit [www.wilmington.edu/qhc](http://www.wilmington.edu/qhc) or contact Curator Ruth Dobyms at (800) 341-9318 ext. 719 or [ruth\\_dobyms@wilmington.edu](mailto:ruth_dobyms@wilmington.edu)

organizations that are beginning a development program and considers the challenge to be stimulating. Robbe was impressed by the degree of board involvement in the consultant selection process and sees this as a sign that members really understand the unprecedented changes facing senior care, and the absolute necessity for fund raising to ensure survival. Robbe Healey and Theresa Hanne have counseled the organization to anticipate at least a year to create the foundation for successful activities.

Wendy Waters-Connell, Executive Director for Quaker Heights said, "We know fund raising is of paramount importance to our residents, their families, and the mission. We know there are those who share our dedication to seniors and we intend to make visible this dedication by successful development programs for the Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting's largest ministry... now and in the future. Robbe and Theresa understand this conviction and will guide us accordingly"

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### Peacebuilding Peacelearning Intensive

On Friday, August 6, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., please join the Peace Resource Center of Wilmington College and the National Peace Academy for a special panel presentation and discussion celebrating Ohio peace building and the 35th anniversary of the Peace Resource Center. The panel is part of the National Peace Academy's inaugural Peacebuilding Peacelearning Intensive (PPI) hosted by Wilmington College.

The campus is located at 1870 Quaker Way, Wilmington, Ohio 45177. For more information visit the Peace Resource Center at [www.wilmington.edu/prc](http://www.wilmington.edu/prc) or e-mail [prc@wilmington.edu](mailto:prc@wilmington.edu) or call (800) 341-9318 ext. 371 for Coordinator Charlotte Pack or ext. 275 for Director Jim Boland.



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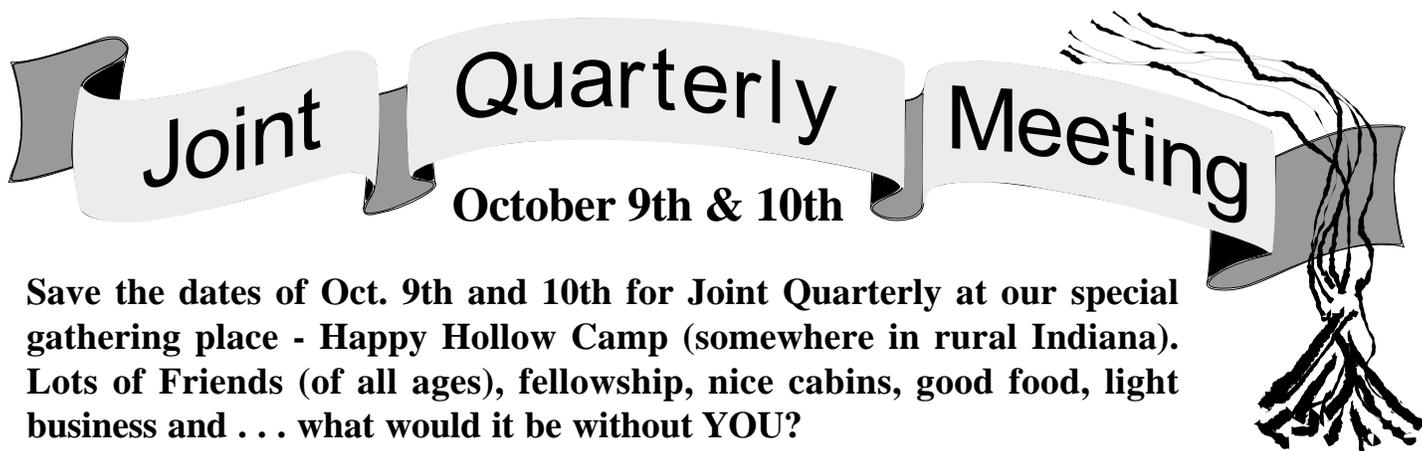
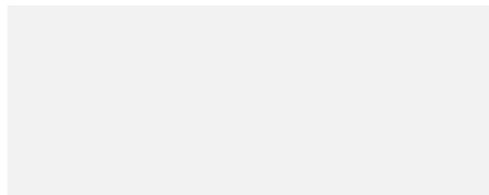
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