



OHIO VALLEY YEARLY MEETING
OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

The Quaker Quill

2010 Sessions Epistles

Epistle from the 190th Annual Session of the Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting, of the Religious Society of Friends, Seventh Month 28 to Eighth Month 1, in the year of our Lord 2010, meeting on the campus of Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana.



Greetings from our Yearly Meeting to all Friends/friends everywhere: We have shared appreciated the Epistles from you, our Friends around the world, and send you our greetings and love.

Maneuvering around highway construction and the annual Earlham Campus renovations, we have devoted our five days together to consideration of our theme: “Celebrating Friends as Family: Nurturing the Future,” and to the business which reports the progress of our Quakerly efforts, and nourishes our future.

Our days began with pre-breakfast worship opportunity, followed by nourishing food and fellowship. We then moved to age-appropriate activities for children, middle-youth teens and adult groups. Our children are a large, visible and important part of Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting sessions, provided to them cost-free. (Both Teens and Middle Youth brought their bicycles

to experience bike safety and bike trips.)

Adults participated in small-group worship-sharing on our theme, followed by Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business. Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting this year experimented with using a less formal setting for these important meetings. Our Friendly business sessions have needed more time than we had allotted.

Afternoon groups offered a choice of the following workshops:

on Thursday – Family, Home, and Hospitality in Scripture; Ecological Vision for a Sustainable Faith; Ramallah Friends Meeting Centennial; Money? Money! Money

on Friday – Providing Pastoral Care When There is No Pastor; HIV, Quakers, Women’s Issues, and Genocide in East Africa; Listening for Muses; Silent Worship



An exciting addition to this year's session was an afternoon choice of three worship forms:

- Spirituality through Music and Sound,
- Movement and Dance,
- Worshipful Silence.

Our F/friendly business sessions have needed more time than we have had, and our concerns have outweighed our ability to provide needed solutions. This year we experimented with a less formal setting for our business sessions. We received reports from our Lauramoore Home for Retirees in Richmond, Indiana and Quaker Heights Care Community in Waynesville, Ohio, as well as financial and Yearly Meeting activity reports.

A small group gathered for hymn singing before the evening Plenary Sessions. Young Friends conducted a lively "Get Acquainted" session for all ages on opening night. On Fifth Day evening, active Friend (and Guilford College professor) Max Carter, challenged and inspired us to "Nurture the Spiritual Journey of our Young, the Future and Present of Friends." On Sixth Day evening Friend Vonn New led us in "Sounding the Divine" – participatory experiences of motion and sound in worship.

The annual "Living Witness" presentation by Wilhelmina and Byron Branson recounted stories of their separate growing-up experiences and influences, followed by those of their adult family and professional lives. A Memorial Meeting recalled contributions of Friends whose lives ended during the past year.

The bookstore again provided good opportunity to examine and acquire a variety of Quaker and like-minded publications.

A wide variety of interest groups gathered after the evening sessions, for discussion and action plans.

Seventh Day lunch was once again an opportunity, which is becoming a tradition, to experience a simple meal. By arrangement with the Earlham College food service, this provides a substantial cost saving, which we donate to "Right

Sharing of World Resources." The afternoon ice cream social at Friends' Lauramoore Retirement Home was held inside this lovely, historic home. Our traditional final evening "Talent Show," was again an incredible offering of Quaker fellowship and fun. "Finish" on First Day included wrap-up reports from our various groups, worship at Stout Meeting House, and plans to convene again in 2011.



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- Paul Kriese, Presiding Clerk
- Ben Griffith, 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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Clerk's Note

Traveling in the Ministry

Paul Kriese, Presiding Clerk, Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting, 9th Month, 2010

“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, ‘Here I am; send me!’” (Isaiah 6:8)

Yearly Meeting is just over. Yearly Meeting was a time for me to re-connect with all of F(f)riends. It was also a time to re-commit to the work of our Yearly Meeting. One of those ‘re-connects’ is our service to Friends both near and far. As Isaiah reminds us, it is us who participate in doing this work of the Spirit of God. We send ourselves to do this work. Travel for Friends concerns (often called Travelling in the Ministry) as our *Book of Discipline* suggests that such service is often deeply sacrificial and costly. It gives and shares, not merely goods and money, but life itself.” (p. 48, 1978). We sacrifice time with those close to us. We spend our resources, both ecological and personal. But we are also reminded by London Yearly Meeting’s *Discipline* that “[w]hen carried out under right concern it may bring encouragement and refreshment both to those who visit and those who are visited.” (#267, 1972) This Travel deepens our religious life and allows us to speak to those Concerns most critical to our own journeys and those of Friends in general.

Friends have Travelled in the Ministry, we have travelled “under Concern”, since the earliest days of our Religious Society. Fox, Penn, Fell and others carried our message to Friends and to the “world’s Peoples” (as Friends referred to non-Friends) far and wide. Many of these “Public Friends” were in fact women who made up about 20% of these sojourning Friends. All of these

people were ordinary individuals just like most of us in Ohio Valley. (Material taken loosely from Abbott and Parsons, 2009) As always, carrying these messages have been and continued to be shared by us all with no distinction between message and messenger. We are all called to carry out this Ministry. We are all challenged to be obedient to what Elias Hick exhorted us as “individuals whose conscience or Inward Guide prodded [those who would travel in the Ministry] into a principled stand”. (Buckley, 2009) Travel in the Ministry is serious God-led work, but work that Friends take joyfully and with anticipation for the work to be done. Such work often transforms both those who carry the message and those to whom the message is being carried.

Discernment of the Spirit is challenging. For this reason such Travel is often developed between those who are to carry out the travel and those who sit and seek God’s guidance as whom to ask to take on these travels. Nominating Committees, in local, Quarterly or Yearly Meeting contexts have important work to do within these bodies. They have the weighty work of helping Friends carry out work that these Friends may not be aware that others consider them worthy of caring out. When these worthy Friends call upon you and ask you to worship with them in discerning how best you can serve God and Friends please take these promptings seriously. God may just be waiting in the silence to ask you to serve us. Please consider saying “Here I am, send me!!

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Young Adult Friends Epistle

Dear Friends,

The Young Adult Friends (YAF) of Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting (OVYM) send out warm greetings to other friends around the world.

Due to the heterogeneous nature of our program, it is difficult to summarize the experiences and messages of our time together. We are aware of the great diversity of ages and roles in the community within our group. During yearly meeting some YAFs worked as Friendly Adult Presences for the teen, middle youth and children’s programs. We enjoyed an intergenerational bonfire and s’mores with the middle youth and teens as well as several multigenerational discussion opportunities presented at OVYM.



Max Carter gave a plenary talk about spiritual growth and God that deeply spoke to our condition. Max also sat in on one of our business meetings and gave suggestions regarding programming that could advance our spiritual growth. Max’s challenge to young adult friends to step up to leadership roles in integrating spirituality into young friends lives speaks to a change of the role of young adult friends within our religious society. It is time for us to become more fully a part of our community.

Our group united around one goal. This year, in order to invite young adult friends from previous years to OVYM and develop our own spirituality, we created the framework for a YAF program at yearly meeting. This program will lay the founda-

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tion for a YAF community not as separate from the greater yearly meeting but as an integrated part of OVYM with both connections to the Teen program and integration with the greater adult community. We developed a simple and concrete plan for programming. We are working to develop the YAF program so that we can continue to celebrate friends as family.

Though the general focus of our discourse for the 2010 sessions of Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting was pragmatic we believe that these practical discussions will lay the foundation for dynamic community and deep spiritual growth. The pragmatic is essential for the development of the profound.

With Love, The Young Adult Friends of Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting **Teen Epistle**

This year in the Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting teen group, we experienced a turn-over of middle youth entering our community and older teens leaving it to enter the Young Adult Friends community. However, throughout our yearly meeting experience, we had many chances to interact with the multiple generations of our wider community, including the teens that had grown into the Young Adult Friends, and the Middle Youth.



We had discussions about communities and families during small groups and during our bike and service trip to Quaker Hill where we cleaned up the grounds and weeded the garden.

Our group participated in a work shop led by a Young Adult Friend who was recently a teen, and plenaries with Max Carter and Vonn New in which we learned and discussed ways of widening our community, worshipful sense, and perspectives on our own faith and world cultures.

We were visited by members of the American Friends Service Committee and were lead in conversations about human rights and how we wish to see them manifested in communities all over the world.

Middle Youth Epistle

Dear Friends,

In the last week of the seventh month, twenty-ten, five Middle Youth, age ten to thirteen met at Earlham College for the 190th annual session of Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting to “Celebrate Friends as Family: Nurturing the Future”. In our time together, we had many enjoyable experiences and inspiring speakers.

We were joined first by Max Carter who spoke of his life experiences as a Friend and a peace activist. He also explained the importance of Quaker History. We later were joined by Erin Polley



We also brought back the tradition of “Simply Speaking”, which the teens planned and enjoyed.

We included Young Adult Friends and Middle Youth in our end of week celebrations.

It is felt that the teens, while appreciating the efforts of adults in including all generations, desire more meaningful interactions with adult friends.



Instead of being expected to participate in the adult community, teens extend a sincere invitation to the adult friends to join our community in the future.

2010 Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting Teens.

and Anna Crumbly Effinger of the American Friends Service Committee. They informed us of the trillion dollars the United States has spent on the wars in the Middle East, which we based our skit on. Our final guest was Vonn New, who introduced us to different means of worshipping and centering down, such as using rhythm and music. We thank those speakers for their inspiring messages.

We had many exciting activities including a canoe trip and a bike ride. Unlike previous years, the Whitewater River was crowded

with other canoers and we had to be patient and practice our sharing skills. For our service trip we biked to the HELP animal shelter where we walked and washed impatient and excited dogs. Our hope for next year is that more Middle Youth from other

monthly meetings will join in and share the fun! J
The Middle Youth Program , Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting



Children's Program Epistle

Eight school age children met at the 190th annual sessions of Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting at Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana from July 28 through August 1, 2010 to consider the

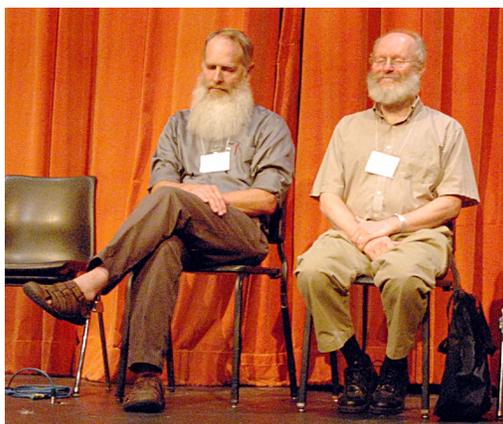
theme "Celebrating Friends as Family: Nurturing the Future." The peaceful and beautiful campus of a historic Quaker college was the background for a time of fellowship, deep spiritual sharing, learning about Quakerism ourselves and each other and working on service projects.



Children and adults listened to lessons from the Bible and other inspired readings. We learned that when we listen to God, whether in the desert or in our neighborhood, we find new ways to create love and family. In our service project, Girls, Inc., where we made puppets together, created stories and shared songs. Throughout our session beautiful art was created. Often, children and adults alike could be found lost in their work, in the colored sand mandala, painted cards, unique puppets, and new versions of old songs and more.

Our hope is that not only Friends nurture the future, but see that our future, our children, can nurture us, so we can all together enter the kingdom of God as a "family under one sky."

The Children's Program, Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting



Monthly Meeting News

Dayton Monthly Meeting

Christine and Gene Snyder hosted a one day retreat for Dayton Monthly Meeting in August. A continental breakfast, worship, a potluck lunch, and a tour of the Hadley farm were on the day's schedule. The tour included Clinton County Quaker history at the Hadley's nearly 200 year old Quaker pioneer farmstead, which included a look at the barn that was part of the public Barn Quilt Tour that had taken place in June. We enjoyed the day and very much appreciate the Snyder's hospitality.

Barb Robinson attended the FGC Gathering at Bowling Green University and was part of the worship committee. We appreciate

Eastern Hills Monthly Meeting

The meeting accepted the transfer of membership of Martha Viehmann from Hanover (NH) Friends Meeting. Martha is now serving as recording clerk.

We also erected a new, more visible sign with movable letters in an effort to raise awareness of our presence in our community. Our meeting has been struggling with declining numbers, and we hope this sign will, with other efforts, attract new attenders.

Rhonda Pfaltzgraf-Carlson led a series of second hour discussions on the book *Fit for Freedom, Not for Friendship*, which was very well attended. Although Friends worked to end slavery, our mostly white denomination has not been immune from racism. This book describes the barriers, some unconscious, that Quakers have placed

Hopewell Monthly Meeting

Hopewell has been studying and reading Phil Gulley's book "Is the Church Christian? In our discussion we have been talking about what Friends believed and how we became Friends and what we do to live our beliefs.

In the Silence of Meaningful worship we are still sharing our thoughts, our understanding and our love. We know then that we are satisfied and made whole again by this form of Communion. Sometimes the Meeting is a Gathered Meeting. Sometimes the speakers give us much to think about.

In this time of two or more horrible wars we must remember love and compassion; when so many are unemployed, teachers laid off, and those teaching trying to do so with less money, less supplies. The homeless, people struggling to get out of debt we must remember to hold that love for all of those folks, even those on the battlefield, the hospitals, the mental wards, the jails, those who live on the street in the Light of our Communion Silence.

Because dear Friends all we have is our love for each other and the need, because of this love, to help each other. So we work to keep our Meetinghouse in good repair as well as ourselves by walking, holding all in prayer. We've worked hard on repairs, had weddings, births, memorials and worried Silences. Sometimes we slip out to the labyrinth to walk and think. We admire the flowers planted by the First Day class with help from their teacher. We watch them swing on the tree swing that they wanted for the beautiful sunny days and just wonder at the grander of just being outside at Hopewell.

Barb representing Dayton Friends at the Gathering.

Will Henry went to Cleveland with the Yearly Meeting Young Friends on their annual service trip.

Dayton Friends have resumed study of Michael Birkel's book on John Woolman, *A Near Sympathy*, for our recent Second Hour discussions.

We are planning to host a simple meal on November 5 to support Right Sharing of World Resources with Roland Kreager speaking to us about this organization. For information about the time and other details you may e-mail me (Terri Scarpelli) at tss06@sbcglobal.net.

to participation by African Americans in the Society of Friends. Partly in response to this, our meeting has organized a tour in September, open to the three Cincinnati-area meetings, of the American IAM exhibit at the Cincinnati Museum Center, which describes the African American experience in America.

The Boyce-Viehmann family were first-time attenders at the FGC Gathering in July in Bowling Green, OH. They report it was a wonderful experience, and the youngest, Seth Boyce, reports that he definitely wants to go to Grinnell, IA, next year for the 2011 Gathering. Several members of our meeting also attended Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting in Earlham, IN.

Submitted by Rick Boyce

This week a young friend sat quiet and still in Silent Worship for the third time in a row and was asked to join the discussion hour. Which he did and gave a good report I am told when he arrived home and his father asked what the discussion was about. He replied, "the burning of the Koran"

"Well," his father asked, "what did they decide?"

"That it was wrong to burn books," he replied." Which is how we pass our ideas and knowledge in little bits and talks by letting our children listen in discussions and wait in the Silence as Friends have always done.

We are working on new ideas for our First Day School. We were delighted to have a visit from a member who has answered the need to be a pastor in a programmed Meeting. Her husband, still a member, helps serve both Meetings, and we are very glad for that because their daughter is to be our new Clerk. We appreciate their calling to serve others and us. So our Meeting survives. Sometimes we struggle but still Meeting is there for the members on First Day.

We continue to hold in the Light those who work and die to promote peace, not war. We hold in the light those who visit the sick and help the less fortunate. We also hold in the Light, teacher's who struggle with budget cuts and try to feed hungry minds, bodies and souls. We want them to know they are appreciated. We try to visit the sick, and help the poor. Peace Be with you From Hopewell Meeting.

Respectively submitted, Sherita Saffer Campbell, Hopewell Meeting

Miami Monthly Meeting

Bicentennial of the White Brick Meetinghouse: Miami Monthly Meeting will celebrate the bicentennial of the White Brick Meetinghouse on 5th month, 15th, 2011. The White Brick Meetinghouse was constructed in 1811 in order to provide sufficient worship and religious education space for the growing Monthly Meeting as well as to for Quarterly and Yearly Meetings which met in the facility. Friends from throughout the Yearly Meeting are invited to join in the celebration, which will include worship, history, fellowship, and food. More information on the program and times will be printed in forthcoming issues of the Quill and will be posted on the Miami.Quaker.org web site as the date gets closer.

Historic Documents: The archives at Wilmington College recently received a box of Indiana Yearly meeting newsletters from the 1960's when Willard Heiss was editor. The archives keep a copy of each one. They then sent the remaining copies to our clerk to see if the Museum at the Friends Home would like a copy. After the Museum received a copy of each newsletter, the clerk brought the extra newsletters to meeting asking if anyone was interested in a copy. The newsletters contained interesting items on several Meeting Houses, as well as an interesting article on the auto accident during Yearly Meeting in 1962, also an interesting article on Larry Gara getting fired from Grove City College in western PA for helping students with not registering for selective service. There was an interesting Photo of the White Brick Meeting House with a picket fence and an article by Seth Furnas Sr. on one issue.

Yellow Springs Monthly Meeting

Yellow Springs Friends were well represented at Yearly Meeting, and at the FGC Gathering at Bowling Green, Ohio.

We bid farewell to our valued members Daphne and Vircher Floyd. They came to us from the Lexington Meeting and moved on to be near a son in Georgia.

Friends Music Camp, sponsored by the Yearly Meeting, always performs a concert in Yellow Springs in July. Friends fed the musicians with a potluck prior to the performance.

We continue the services of the Friends Memorial Committee, following an original vision of Arthur Morgan. When a member dies, the Committee arranges transport to the Crematory. Some members also donate their bodies to the anatomy department at Wright State University School of Medicine. A

Annual Fort Ancient Worship and Picnic: Friends gathered at Fort Ancient for our annual outdoor worship and picnic for which the weather was perfect. Friends from several Monthly Meetings gathered under the trees of this ancient Native American site on July 18th. Following a well-centered Meeting for Worship, Friends enjoyed food and fellowship, and a hike around the grounds of the historic site. Friends are invited to put this event onto their calendar for next year, usually held on the Sunday nearest the 15th of July, so that you don't miss out on this much-loved event.

Work on Historic Butterworth Farm: The Stone family returned from Tasmania to visit the Meeting and work on the old stone house on Butterworth Farm, one of the stops on the Underground Railroad. Phil Stone remained in the area to continue much needed maintenance and renovation on this historic residence while his family returned to Tasmania so that the children could return to school.

Young Friends Away at School: We have a number of young Friends attending college, to whom the Meeting has provided grants for tuition assistance. Will Nowel is a senior at John Carroll University working to complete a BA in English. He is in a five year program that ends in a Master's Degree in Education. Johanna Salmon is attending the University of Louisville pursuing a degree in Equestrian Management. Zachary Cook is studying Mass Communication at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. Peter and Woody Stone are attending high school at the Hobart Friends School in Tasmania, Australia.

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memorial service is arranged at the convenience of the family. We also provide a location in the Friends Cemetery in Xenia Township for burial of ashes.

Our member Chris Ravndal has done some translating of the Greek New Testament. In September, Friends will discuss his translation of Paul's letter to the Galatians.

Our relationship to the newly revived Antioch College is still being worked out. The Meeting needs freedom for decision making. The College needs a spiritual center for the campus. This will come to a head soon, as the Meeting will undertake a major insulation project for the worship room.

In the Light, Carl Hyde

News From The Broadacre

"Blueprint for Justice: Breaking Bondage, Building Lives" 20th Annual Westheimer Peace Symposium at Wilmington College Wednesday, October 20, 2010

10:00 a.m.	John Robert Cadet, <i>Hope for Haiti</i>
1:15 p.m.	Over-the-Rhine Community Housing, <i>Changes From Within</i>
2:45 p.m.	Wilmington College Chorale, <i>How Can We Keep From Singing</i>
3:45 p.m.	<i>Born Into Brothels: Calcutta's Red Light Kids</i> Film Showing
7:30 - 9:00 p.m.	Zana Briski, <i>Born Into Brothels</i>

News & Announcements

Thinking Green - Quaker Earth Care at Bloomington Friends Meeting

Following a fall retreat in 2003 entitled “Green Stewardship: Ecology and the Economy”, Bloomington Friends wanted to continue investigating these issues further, and since many of our concerns overlapped through several committees, we decided we needed to create a separate committee to deal with the environment. We chose the name Earthcare Witness, to follow the lead of Quaker Earthcare Witness, which had recently changed their name from Friends Committee on Unity with Nature. We learned a lot from the inspiring articles in QEW’s bi-monthly *Befriending Creation*. Since that time we have made many changes to the building and grounds to make them more environmentally friendly. We had our Meeting grounds certified by the National Wildlife Federation as a Backyard Wildlife Habitat. We have planted approx. 100 small native trees, planted hundred of native sedges, grasses and flowering plants in an area that contains a swale, effectively controlling soil erosion. As part of the restoration we have removed many invasive bushes and plants, such as bush honeysuckle, autumn olive, Japanese honeysuckle, privets and garlic mustard. The removal of invasives is an ongoing project. We hope to fill in the cleared areas with more native trees and bushes that are beneficial to wildlife.

Our Earthcare Witness Committee has been actively working on many issues both in the Meeting and in the community.

- We did a survey of the meeting house in the areas of energy conservation, water conservation, and cleaning products—publishing the results in the newsletter.
- To promote carpooling we purchased detailed maps of Bloomington and Monroe County, putting pushpins where everyone lived. We held a “carpooling caucus” after meeting to facilitate people getting together and exchanging addresses to set up specific carpooling strategies.
- To raise our visibility in the community and to further Friends’ expression of wanting more visibility for the social justice and ecological work that we do, we tabled at an Earth Day event and at the local annual Simply Living Fair, distributing some QEW pamphlets and selling the “Traveling Friends” reusable napkins. On a subsequent Earth Day we had a table at the IU campus celebration where we had a big chart comparing the ecological footprint of various countries and handed out questionnaires for people to take to calculate their own footprints.
- We purchased reusable sippy cups for the nursery to replace juice boxes and removed all the hazardous cleaning materials from the meeting house, taking them to the Monroe County Hazardous Waste Disposal site. We made up a list of environmentally-friendly cleaning products which we posted in the kitchen and storage cabinet for Friends who buy or bring such products to the meeting house.
- We purchased a rain barrel to catch rainwater from the roof to water the new flower beds around the building.
- We provided information about and led a discussion on The Earth Charter, with the outcome that our Meeting endorsed it.
- For two years we made up a table at the Christmas party

consisting of “Gifts for Mother Earth”, using recycled Christmas cards, which we cut in half and wrote on each half a specific earth-friendly action, one for people to take home as a reminder, the other half to put in our paper mache Earth, which we had created, as promise to Mother Earth/

- We bought 50 CFL bulbs which we gave away to visitors, guests and any member or attender who wanted one. We also distributed information on CFLs and how to dispose of them properly.
- We bought an “Earth Machine” composter at a truck load sale organized by the Center for Sustainable Living. All kitchen food scraps and yard waste generated at Meeting are added to the composter and a few members, who cannot compost at home, add their personal kitchen food scraps.
- We bought a Kill-a-Watt, a tool that measures electricity use, both for the meeting house and to loan out to Friends to measure their own electricity use, and after measuring the electricity use of the meeting-house refrigerator, which was at least 14 years old, we decided to apply for a QEW mini-grant to purchase a new Energy Star fridge.
- Because of space needs for First Day School we renovated an old tool shed into a garden cottage classroom. We helped remove beautiful hardwood flooring and windows from a residence that was going to be torn down so the new owners could build a new and bigger home. The Habitat Restore wanted some of the wood and furnishings but did not have the man power resources, so we provided the manpower and shared the wood floorings, doors and windows. Our cottage has “green” insulation (used jeans material) and has a small wood-burning stove for winter.
- We received a bequest from a departed member, the money to be used for energy sustainability measures. We had a photo-voltaic site (solar panels) assessment done for our Meeting House and now have a small solar panel that we hope to add onto at a later time.
- We replaced the windows in the worship meeting room and in the foyer with double-pane windows and have installed cellular blinds for them.
- We applied for a mini-grant of \$250 from Quaker Earthcare towards the purchase of a new Energy Star refrigerator and were very grateful that we received it. The refrigerator we had was installed more than 14 years ago and was even then not new.
- We have invited speakers to come to second-hour forums on environmental concerns, such as “Peace and Climate Change”, and a presentation from the local Bloomington Transportation Options for People (BTOP) group about alternative transportation and we also showed the DVD *Renewal* in the Meeting.
- We have been involved with the Bloomington interfaith group Earth Care (earthcareindiana.org) since its beginning. Earth Care’s goal is to bring faith communities together to help curb global climate change by educating, acting, and speaking up. They now include twenty faith communities as members. We participate in their “WALBICUS to Worship” (Walk, Bike, Carpool, or BUS) weekends.

In all of our activities we are mindful of Friends' Testimonies of simplicity and peace. By living our lives as simply as we can, we strive for sustainability for all creatures. We seek peace on earth and peace with earth as we are called to live in right relationship with all Creation. We are living in difficult times when the future may look bleak and we may at times feel hopeless and helpless,

Discipline Revision Committee Report

Addendum to Discipline Revision Committee Report 2010

Following up on the threshing session that took place at the 2010 Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting annual sessions, Discipline Revision Committee asks that for the next year Friends sit with the following draft of a new section on Living with Creation and consider it at the 2011 annual sessions for final approval as a valid addendum to the Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting *Book of Discipline/Faith and Practice*:

Seeking Harmony with Creation

8th Draft

Ninth Month 4, 2010

The Earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof,
The world and those who dwell therein.

(Psalm 24: 1)

Quakers have a long and deep history of respect for the creation of which we are a part. Our wondrous world is a manifestation of the Divine with the power to nourish us physically and spiritually. William Penn articulated this faith-based concern for the Earth

Friendly Answers - a meeting place for Friends

In southern Indiana, a new presence is developing 'in the manner of Friends'. Located less than an hour from Louisville near Charlestown, Indiana, facilities are available to:

- house small group retreats,
- accommodate numerous tent campers or camp trailers,
- family vacations,
- reunions.

Programs are being crafted for young people (17 - 21), especially those needing extra time to transition from high school to career choices. The first two or three years will focus on gardening for sustainability, building for program needs, practicing responsible stewardship of resources and planning for the future.

Another goal is the acquisition and preservation of 350+ acres of mostly unimproved land - at least two thirds is wooded, protect-

Time for Peace - an open letter

A declaration from the people of God called Quakers Against all Wars and Violence in the world: an open letter to president Barack Obama and UN secretary general Ban Ki-Moon

Three hundred and fifty years ago Quakers addressed a declaration to king Charles of England with their concerns about war and violence. Today we send you our Declaration of Conscience about war and violence.

In their declaration to king Charles, Quakers spoke from their experience of persecution and violence. In the years since, members of the Religious Society of Friends have continued to speak and act in opposition to wars and violence and have been willing to suffer for their beliefs. Quakers have been jailed and

but taking small actions can make a difference. I like the quote I found on the Eco-Justice Ministries bank of quotations (<http://www.eco-justice.org/quotes.asp>) "The capacity to weep and then do something is worth everything". (Greta Gaard / Ecofeminism) submitted by Ria Collee

when he asked how human beings could "find the Confidence to abuse [Creation], while they should see the Great Creator look them in the Face, in all and every Part thereof?" Likewise, John Woolman wrote, "To say we love God as unseen and at the same time to exercise cruelty toward the least creature moving by his life ... is a contradiction in itself."

Ongoing exploitation of the Earth's resources threatens the delicate ecological balance that sustains the current web of life. Flowing from our testimonies, Friends' responses take various forms. In 2002, Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting Friends found unity around the principle of sustainability as a basic standard for responsible living.

God calls us, individually and corporately, to examine our lives and take action to walk more lightly on the Earth, seeking harmony with creation. Friends are also called to promote systemic changes in government and industry that would heal and protect the Earth. With Divine assistance, our witness should offer a pattern that would inspire and inform the actions of others.

ing wildlife.

Our corporate structure is named "Friendly Answers", a response to FCNL's "War is not the Answer." Donations may be made to Friends Council for Social Concern (FCSC), a 501(c)3 corporation associated with Louisville Friends Meeting. Donations will be tax deductible. To reserve time or for more information contact: FriendlyAnswers@gmail.com.

Plan to visit. The address: 11223 Hidden View Farm Rd., Marysville, IN. Please check with me first.

To receive future communications and updates, please send your email and/or snail mail address.

This has to be a cooperative effort using many hands and hearts. Please volunteer with a description of your skills and interests. In the Light, Maie Klaphaak

executed, spied upon, sometimes listened to and often ignored. We became conscientious objectors, object to military budgets and refuse to pay taxes that pay for war. In war and in peace we work for peace through our local congregations and organizations including the American Friends Service Committee and Friends Committee on National Legislation.

As George Fox wrote 350 years ago "We cannot obey, for conscience sake." It is our experience and a central tenet of our Quaker faith that there is that of God in every human being. We realize that the peoples of the Earth are all one people and that we have a relationship through God to all people. We aspire to have no enemies Quakers try to speak to that of God within our fellow

humans. When encountering conflict, we seek to bring all parties into communication with the God that is within them. We are called to address the conditions such as poverty, justice, inequity, oppression and environmental destruction, contain the seeds of war.

War has many victims, among whom we count both innocent civilians and all the soldiers killed, maimed and traumatized. We recognize these victims as children of God; every human being is a breath away from the God we love. And there are also non-human victims. The ecosystem itself would be a casualty of a nuclear war, of for example: healthcare not provided, schools not built, and an environment not protected.

Jesus Christ said that those 'who draw the sword shall die by the

Quaker Heights Care Community, What Are Mission Moments?

Mission Moments are the everyday events that happen without plan or thought, which reflect the reason for an organization's existence – care for the aged and chronically ill in way that makes love visible. During the annual session of the Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting, Wendy Waters-CConnell (Executive Director for Quaker Heights Care Community) presented a pictorial show of mission moments from the last year. As an example, Wendy discussed the assumptions one might make about the image below. Wendy shared that the twin boys, held affectionately on the laps of a couple who make QHCC their home, actually belong to a nurse who works on day shift. While there is no blood relationship between these small boys and the elders smiling at them, Wendy stated the spontaneous visiting between these generations is an example of how staff and residents form bonds that extend beyond the routine expectations.



Wendy shared a second image and stated it is yet another example of a mission moment. The maintenance staff is dancing a polka with a resident during a German diversity event. The

sword' (Matthew 26:52). Violence breeds violence. Wars do not end violence but leave in their wake bitterness and a thirst for vengeance that are the seeds of continued violence. It is love and non-violence that work to make the world a better place.

Therefore we ask both, the president of the United States and the secretary of the United Nations to give our grandchildren a more hopeful, positive future by leading the world to invest in peace-making, diplomacy, development, and international cooperation, but, most importantly, we ask you to end the preparation for and waging of war.

Signers: Ron Haldeman, Jim Crocker-Lakness, Richard Mitchell, Jane Stowe, Kate Taylor

laughter and shared joy visible in this candid picture, is another example of why Quaker Heights exists – to make better the lives of elders and the chronically ill through loving care.

Wendy then discussed the growing amounts of charitable care given each year at Quaker Heights and showed a slide of the trend amounts each year now in excess of \$75,000.00. Wendy then shared a recent example of this loving care made visible. An individual was turned away from other skilled nursing homes due to the cost of their wound care. Quaker Heights accepted the individual because it was the right thing to do – this decision was a mission moment. Wendy reminded the attendees that Quaker Heights is the largest ministry of OVYM and if the nursing home and assisted living ceased to exist, all assets would revert to OVYM. Wendy asked for the support of the Yearly meeting not only in financial support, but as ambassadors who go out and tell the good work which goes on each day at Quaker Heights. Wendy invited members to come and visit the campus at any time to witness these mission moments happening every day.



submitted by Wendy L. Waters-CConnell

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OFFICERS

Presiding Clerk: Paul Kriese
Assistant Clerk: Ben Griffith
Recording Clerk: Deborah Kociszewski
Treasurer: Wilson Palmer
Assistant Treasurer: Stephen Angell

2010 SESSIONS

Epistolary Committee: Ron Haldeman, Mildred Mahoney
Summary of Epistles received: Bill and Jeanette Shetter (2010),
Mildred Mahoney (for 2011)

Reporter to Friends Journal: Ron Haldeman
Memorial Meeting: Janette Shetter, Roy Joe Stuckey

ADVANCEMENT AND NURTURE (12)

2011: David Garman (1W)*, Jack Davis (1W)*,
Ben Thornber (PM)

2012: Terry Reynolds (1W), Deborah Jordan (1M)

2013: *Andy Garrison (1M)*

YEARLY MTG PLANNING (ex-officio, Clerks of Teen & Junior Yearly Mtg. Comm.) (9)

2011: Jeremy Coppock (1M), Tunia McClure (1W)

2012: Phyllis Martin (1W), Byron Branson (1M), Jamie Fota (1M)

2013: Dinah Duvall (PM), *Nathan Coppock (1M), Dale Hayes (1M)*

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM (6)

2011: Beth Parrish (2M)

2012: Gloria Bruner (2W), Susan Hyde (4M)

2013: Hannah Branson (5M)

MIDDLE YOUTH (9 - Maybe 6)

2011: Gail Koehler* (2M), Yoshiya Togami (2M)

2012: Barbara Robinson (2M), Jason Dean (1M)

2013: *Martha Viehmann (1M), Bill Shetter (1W)*

TEEN ACTIVITIES (9) + 6 teens

2011: Nikki Coffey Tousley* (1M), Chance Duvall (1W),
James Taylor (1W)

2012: Cynthia Sibrel (1M), Peter Hardy (1M), Dale Blanchard (1M)

2013: *Wilhelmina Branson (4M), Nick Rhein (1M),
David Funck (1M)*

PEACE & SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE (9)

2011: Ken Bordwell (2M)

2012: Jane Stowe (2W), Robert Vetter (1W), *Ron Haldeman (4W)*

2013: *Frank Huss (3M), Jean Crocker-Lakness (1M),
Richard Mitchell (3M)*

AUDITING COMMITTEE (2 year overlapping terms)

2011: Veronica Frost (1M)

2012: *Donita Barnes (1W)*

2013: XXXXXXXXXXXX

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE

(ex-officio, Treasurer, Assist. Treas., [— who is Clerk of B&F] (3+)

2011:

2012:

2013: Denny Troth (1W), *Paul Buckley (1W)*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE (9)

2011: Marjorie Isaacs (2M)

2012: Diann Herzog (4W)

2013: Elaine Troth (1W)

DISCIPLINE REVISION COMMITTEE (9)

2011: Paul Buckley (1W), Byron Branson (3M),
Wilson Palmer—Invited Member

2012: Rex Sprouse (3W), Barbara Robinson (1M),
Mary Garman (1W)

2013: *Betsy Neale (3W), Lisa Cayard (3M),
Christine Snyder (1M)*

FRIENDS MUSIC CAMP BOARD

(ALL reps named by FMC) ** (6)

2011: Paul Wagner (3M), Gail Miller (1W)

2012: Victoria Burke (1M), Ellen Duell (2M)

2013: Caroline Stanley (Olney Rep), Anne Whitaker (1M)

BRADDOCK TRUSTEE

+Named by Braddock family (3) Year to Year

2011: 2012: 2013:

QUAKER QUILL EDITOR

Dan Cartmell

RECORDS COORDINATOR

Susan Hyde & Christine Snyder

STATISTICIAN

Frank Huss

PUBLICATIONS COORDINATOR

Eric Cleven

YM WEBSITE

Lonny Burger

YEARLY MEETING TRUSTEES (6)

2011: Vaughn Peebles (2W), Beth Stafford (2M)

2013: David Hyde (1M), Evalyn Kellum (1W)

2015: David Duvall (2W)

AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE (4)

2011: Jana Schroeder (1M)

2012: Peter Fosl (1M)

2013: Leslie Liszak (1W)

FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE FOR CONSULTATION (up to 4)

2011: Rachel Dean (2M), JP Lund (2M), Krystin Schmidt (2M)

2012:

2013:

FRIENDS GENERAL CONFERENCE CENTRAL COMMITTEE (3)

2011: Eric Wolff (1M), Richard House (1M)

2012:

2013: *Shannon Isaacs (Co-op), Rex Sprouse (2M)*

FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL LEGISLATION (4)

2011:

2012: Jane Stowe (1W): James Russell (1M)

2013: *Ken Bordwell (2M), Frank Huss (Co-op),
Ron Haldeman (1W)*

The following are one year YM appointments to the named
organization

FLGBTQC: Carrie Shaver

WILLIAM PENN HOUSE COMMITTEE: Jane Stowe

QUAKER EARTHCARE WITNESS: Maria Collee

FRIENDS PEACE TEAMS:

M = Miami Quarter; W = Whitewater Quarter; 1 or 2 = 1st or
2nd 3-year term; P = Partial term; * = convener or clerk;
TM = Teen Member. (#) next to the Committee's name equals
the number of committee members for that committee.

“V _____” equals a un-filled position (or vacancy) to be
filled later by E.C. and NOM COM action.

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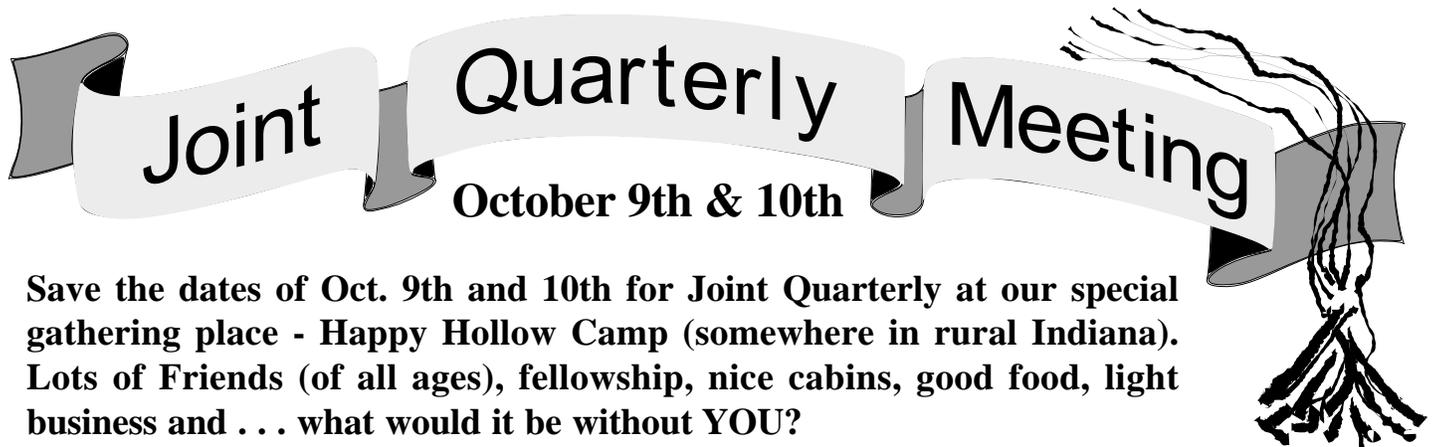
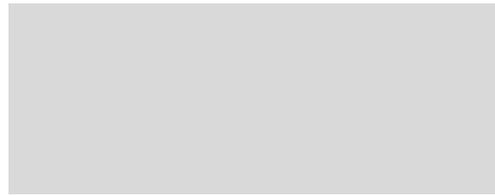
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