



## What Does the Lord Ask of Us: Our Everyday Ministry of Love and Service

### 2011 Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting Sessions: July 27-July 31

Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting Sessions are five days of spiritual refreshment, intellectual stimulation, and Quaker community as OVYM's monthly meetings gather at Earlham College to participate in activities designed to support and sustain the spiritual lives of Friends.

As a member of your monthly meeting, you are also a member of the yearly meeting and are warmly invited to participate in the 2011 meeting sessions. Friends from Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky gather for all or part of the sessions, depending on employment and other commitments, with attendance swelling as Friends arrive for Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday morning sessions.

Meeting for worship with a concern for business is at the heart of the yearly meeting sessions, beginning on Wednesday evening. Thursday and Friday will also include workshops each afternoon and plenary speakers in the evening. Small worship sharing groups meet each morning to discuss queries related to the theme of the sessions. Shared meals provide informal opportunities to exchange ideas and experiences, and to continue discussions beyond the workshops and business sessions.

For youth and teenagers, there are separate recreational opportunities that include canoeing, bicycle trips and swimming as well as programming to encourage the exchange of ideas with peers and adult leaders concerning their lives and religious faith. Child care, preschool and

elementary offerings are also included. During the week each age group helps prepare several acts for the Saturday evening talent show. This is an event participated in, and enjoyed, by everyone.

The Yearly Meeting bookstore offers opportunities to examine books for sale by and about Quakers and Quakerism not commonly found in a single location. Included are those authored by or chosen by plenary speakers and workshop leaders.

In spite of a full schedule you will still find time for quiet walks around Earlham's campus or taking a short nap. Friends with special interests are encouraged to post notices on the registration bulletin board for late evening gatherings. Bring an instrument to play in the Talent Show or later in the Afterthoughts Cafe. Take time to look at the exhibit tables and gather for group singing after dinner.

For the first time this year, the yearly meeting sessions will begin with a Service Project with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Richmond. 10 am to 3 pm on Wednesday has been set aside for this and more information will be coming later.

For more info: Tunia McClure (812)254-0392 or [tmclure@rtccom.net](mailto:tmclure@rtccom.net).

After June 1, registration details on [www.quaker.org/ovym](http://www.quaker.org/ovym).

Please do not contact Earlham College for information.

### Clerk's Note

#### Yearly Meeting as an Extended Meeting for Worship

As we come closer to our Yearly Meeting sessions at Earlham College I am reminded that the sessions as a whole are various ways to worship that which is holy and sacred in each of us. Business sessions are held in holy obedience to the corporate will of God expressed in our worshipful discernment of issues. Workshops are more focused explorations into various aspects of how the Spirit of God speaks to us. The various youth groups meet and begin to (or continue to deepen) their sense of how they connect to our religious society in work and play and community building exercises. As we eat together, gather in informal collectives or sequester ourselves in solitude we regain our sense of being

a gathered community collected by the spirit to do God's will. Sandra Cronk, who resided at Pendle Hill for a time reminds us in her Gospel Order, *A Quaker Understanding of Faithful Church Community* when we gather in God's name 'It mea(ns) helping each other hear and respond to God's call. ... (We are caught up in) mutual accountability...' to encourage "one another to take a risk in trusting God's leading or letting go of a behavior that was blocking deeper commitment to God." As we gather in sessions we need to ask ourselves if our actions are based in what we think and see as good and proper or if our actions and behaviors are based in what God is calling us to do at that time. If we

remember that we are about God's work in the world and not our own work, we will see the glory of God manifested in all that we do. I look forward to sharing this vision of the beloved community with each of you as we convene at Earlham College this Seventh Month.

*Paul Kriese  
Presiding Clerk  
Ohio Valley Yearly  
Religious Society of Friends*

## News & Announcements

### Sessions Bookstore

"The Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting Bookstore will be up and running again! Please come and see what we are offering. We are ordering fresh books, new music, children's items and more! We will again be having the Virtual Bookstore with FGC. Come in and order on-line from FGC - OVYM will receive 10% commission!

If you are an author, an artist, a musician, please bring your goods to display and sell. If you love to be around books and meet new people, come and check the schedule - sign up for an hour or two!

We encourage Young Friends and Teens to use the bookstore in the evening as a place to hang out.

We anticipate being open for business Wednesday evening, after set up.

Traditionally we do our final inventory and packing on Saturday before the talent show, so we can enjoy it too!

If you have suggestions for the bookstore this year - contact Pat Zarowin [pat@zarowin.com](mailto:pat@zarowin.com) or Annie Blanchard [dale.anne.b@gmail.com](mailto:dale.anne.b@gmail.com) as soon as possible!"

### Teen News

#### OVYM Teen Group Summer 2011 Service Trip

For our annual service trip this year, the Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting Teen Group will be traveling later this month to the Osage Nation Reservation in northeastern Oklahoma.

Quakers have had a presence among the Osage since 1908, and we will be staying at Hominy (Okla.) Friends Meeting, a programmed meeting that is affiliated with Friends United Meeting.

David Nagle, the pastor of Hominy Friends, is lining up carpentry and painting work on the reservation as well as several evening cultural programs for us. Activities include learning and playing a traditional game with reservation youth and other residents and an evening presentation of dance hosted by local residents.

Hominy is less than an hour northwest of Tulsa and about two hours northeast of Oklahoma City. There are a variety of museums and cultural experiences in the area that we may also explore, depending on time and interest.

We plan to begin the trip by gathering at an OVYM meetinghouse (to be determined) on the afternoon/evening of Friday, June 24. We will have some team building and cultural

sensitivity discussions, spend the night, and begin traveling early Saturday morning. The travel time is about 12 hours, so we are looking for a place to stay the night Saturday on the way, with the hopes of arriving at Hominy early enough Sunday to attend Meeting for Worship. We will leave Hominy on Saturday, July 2; spend the night mid-way; and return home on Sunday, July 3. We also will make arrangements to get teens who plan to attend the FGC Gathering in Grinnell, Iowa, (which begins July 3) there as well.

The leadership staff for the service trip will be Carol Simmons, OVYM Youth Secretary; Dan Coppock, a former Teen Group member from Cincinnati who is now living in Philadelphia; and his brother Nathan Coppock, who was one of our staff members at last year. We are asking a participant fee of \$175 to help cover food and transportation; but scholarships are available and various fundraising activities are taking place. Teens eligible to participate are 14 years old (as of this summer) and entering the 9th grade in the fall, through this spring's high school graduates. For more information about the trip, contact Carol Simmons by phone at (937) 232-4250 or email at [ovymyouth@yahoo.com](mailto:ovymyouth@yahoo.com).

*respectfully submitted, Carol Simmons, OVYM Youth Secretary*

#### Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting Officers

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#### Comments for the Quaker Quill are appreciated. Find me and tell what you think.

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# Quarterly Meeting News

## Whitewater Quarterly Meeting

Dear Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting Friends,

Greetings! Below you will find the minutes from the most recent session of Whitewater Quarterly Meeting, which was hosted by North Meadow Circle of Friends on Fourth Month 17, 2011. I feel that it is important that I draw all Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting Friends' attention to Minute 4 and offer some background information. At our Fall 2010 session, Fall Creek Friends Meeting brought forward the concern that our Quarterly Meeting did not at that time have a straightforward minute affirming our commitment to the sexuality and gender identity equality. Friends were asked to take this concern back to their monthly meetings and season it. At our Winter 2011 session, Whitewater Quarterly Meeting Friends united around the following minute:

Minute on Sexuality and Gender Identity Equality  
Whitewater Quarterly Meeting  
approved First Month 16, 2011

Whitewater Quarterly Meeting Friends have been led by the Light of the Living Christ to understand that God's love extends with equality to all people regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

The understanding that Christ has given us as Quakers today leads us to three conclusions. We affirm the full humanity of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, and transgender persons. We are committed to their equal status within the Religious Society of Friends and the wider world. We celebrate their covenant relationships, including marriages under the care of our constituent meetings, as just as sacred, just as valid, and the cause for just as much joy as those of any other persons.

The text of this minute appeared within the regular Quarterly Meeting minutes, published in the last issue of the Quaker Quill.

In Minute 4 from the Spring 2011 Quarterly Meeting session, Whitewater Quarterly Meeting Friends instructed the Quarterly Meeting Clerk to forward this minute to Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting for consideration at our annual session this summer. I plan to present the above minute as part of my Whitewater Quarterly Meeting report at that time and ask Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting Friends whether we are led by the Light Within to consider the discernment and adoption of an explicit minute affirming sexuality and gender identity equality.

*In Friendship,*

*Rex Sprouse*

*Clerk, Whitewater Quarterly Meeting*

*Whitewater Quarterly Meeting*

*North Meadow Circle of Friends, Indianapolis, IN*

Fourth Month 17, 2011

1. Opening worship. Friends gathered at the appointed time in a period of centering worship.

2. Welcome and role call of meeting representatives/reporters.

The Clerk welcomed Friends and called the roll of monthly meeting representatives/reporters. The following Friends identified themselves as representatives/reporters:

Bloomington                      Marcia Ankrom

Clear Creek                        no reporter

Fall Creek                         Diann Herzog

Fort Wayne                        Bob Holada

Hopewell                         no reporter

Lafayette                         Erik Cleven

North Meadow   Evalyn Kellum

White Rose                        no reporter

Presiding Clerk   Rex Sprouse

3. Clarification of scheduling of the next session of Whitewater Quarterly Meeting. Friends agreed to set the third First Day of First, Fourth, and Tenth Months as the usual dates for Whitewater Quarterly Meeting sessions. Friends recognized that particular hosting meetings might prefer a Seventh Day session. The next session of Whitewater Quarterly Meeting will be held on Tenth Month 16, 2011. The Clerk will contact White Rose Friends to see whether they feel able to host that session; if not, the Clerk will contact Bloomington Friends. The Clerk will investigate the possibility that resource persons from Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting could help to facilitate programs for children or youth in conjunction with Quarterly Meeting sessions.

4. Forwarding of the Minute on Sexuality and Gender Identity Equality. Whitewater Quarterly Meeting had approved a Minute on Sexuality and Gender Identity Equality at the Winter 2011 session. Friends agreed that the Clerk should forward that minute to Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting for consideration at the summer 2011 sessions.

5. State of the Meeting reports. Friends heard State of the Meeting reports from Bloomington, Fall Creek, Fort Wayne, Lafayette, and North Meadow Circle of Friends.

6. Closing worship. Friends concluded the business meeting with a brief period of closing worship.

# Monthly Meeting News

## Clear Creek Monthly Meeting

### Clear Creek Friends Meeting

We celebrated the graduation of two Earlham School of Religion students and a few younger students in May. Both ESR students involved themselves in the life of the Meeting while here attending seminary. Dave Wunker led us in an inspiring session of discerning a testimony on sustainability and Robin Anderson served on our Ministry and Oversight Committee and led a group on poetry at our Spirituality Retreat this Spring. We will miss them. We also miss Jerry Knutson, another ESR student who left in December and had led us in a meaningful meditation experience based on Rex Ambler's work. We welcome back Michael Burnside from California, who came here a year and a half ago to read books on Quakerism in the Earlham Library, and is involving himself in our worship and business.

One of our long-time faithful members, Herb Fraser, has unfortunately been in and out of the hospital with double pneumonia this Spring. He is now home and back at Meeting with his wife Amanda, son Peter, and an oxygen tank. We are grateful to see him back telling his wonderful life stories again. Herb and Amanda recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with us!

We are continuing our discernment of how to use a financial gift left by one of our deceased members. We have consensus to use it for the Meeting rather than pass it on to other organizations but have not yet determined how we will do this. This Spring we held several

worship sharing/discussions on economic justice, participated in a fundraiser for our local Open Arms Ministries (which coordinates services in Richmond for the poor) and watched "Traces of the Trade", a heart-rending film about a family who discover their wealthy ancestor was an important slave trader and decide to explore this history and their reactions to it.

We sent a letter to our state senator testifying to our faith-based opposition to an amendment in the state legislature that would make gay marriage illegal in the state of Indiana. We included in our letter the statement on this issue agreed to at Whitewater Quarterly Meeting in January.

In March we helped host a very moving talk by Joe Volk, outgoing head of Friends Committee on National Legislation. Joe shared his own inspiring spiritual journey and peace witness. At the end there was a deep silence as we all felt we were worshipping. This talk was taped by Earlham and some of us hope to listen to it again.

On the Saturday before Easter we held an annual retreat on the theme of Sabbath. This seemed to be what we in our too busy lives needed. We worship shared around quotes about Sabbath in three groups and after lunch chose groups for our own Sabbath experiences: making Sabbath boxes, a nature walk, poetry, Bible passages, and songs about Sabbath. The music included "Sloth Yoga", which can mean falling asleep. This was the experience of several Clear Creek Friends under the spell of the music!

*submitted by Jane Stowe*

Approved by Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, March 13, 2011.  
March 13, 2011

Dear Senator Allen Paul,

As the Indiana Legislature considers asking Indiana citizens to amend the state Constitution to ban marriage or civil unions between two people of the same gender, we would like to remind you that many people of faith have come to appreciate the value of recognizing same gender relationships. Clear Creek Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends in Richmond is one of ten Quaker meetings (churches) in Indiana which make up the Whitewater Quarterly Meeting. In January 2011, the Quarterly Meeting approved the following minute which we hope you will consider as you ponder this issue:

*Whitewater Quarterly Meeting Friends have been led by the Light of the Living Christ to understand that God's love extends with equality to all people regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. The understanding that Christ has given us as Quakers today leads us to three conclusions. We affirm the full humanity of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, and transgender persons. We are committed to their equal status within the Religious Society of Friends and the wider world. We celebrate their covenant relationships, including marriages under the care of our constituent meetings, as just as sacred, just as valid, and the cause for just as much joy as those of any other persons.*

As our political representative, we have invested you with the power to act on our behalf. Based on our religious convictions, we urge you to use your power in a way that will result in the just and equitable treatment of lesbian, bisexual and gay people. As you know, Article 1, Section 3 of the Indiana Constitution states that "No law shall, in any case whatever, control the free exercise and enjoyment of religious opinions, or interfere with the rights of conscience." The proposed amendment would conflict with our right of conscience.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss the issue with you further. Joel Rittle, co-clerk of our Peace and Social Concerns committee can be reached at 765-631-1138 or joelrittle@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Marya Bower  
Clerk of the Meeting

Jana Schroeder  
Clerk, Ministry and  
Oversight Committee

Joel Rittle  
co-clerk, Peace and Social  
Concern Committee

## Community Monthly Meeting

In February, Community meeting welcomed Marlane Souder into meeting Membership. Currently Marlane is working effectively as Clerk of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee.

With the support of Cincinnati Friends, Eastern Hills Friends, and the ministry of Mary Kay Rehard, Community Friends hosted members of these meetings and members of other Peace Churches in the area, including The Brethren, Mennonites, and Unitarians to a Quarterly Brunch. The Peace and Social Concerns Committee facilitated the showing of the film "No Impact Man", which sparked many lively conversations about living simply in complicated times.

The Peace and Social Concerns Committee has also been working with FCNL on training Friends and other interested persons in the Cincinnati area on lobbying. This came out of an interest of the Committee in the infamous "Citizens United" decision of the U.S. Supreme Court permitting unlimited contributions by corporations directly to political candidates, effectively granting corporations free reign over the electoral process in this country. Marjorie Isaacs has been the standard bearer in this effort, and she has also been leading the meeting in moving against the Senate Bill 5 in Ohio that severely limits collective Bargaining Rights of Public Employees.

The youth of Community Friends are raising money for the OVYM service trip to the Osage Reservation in Oklahoma this summer

The Development Committee of Friends General Conference is gathering at Community Friends the weekend of Friday, May 20 through Sunday, May 22. On Saturday, May 21, they will present a session open to all interested Friends on Quaker Quest, FGÇ's program for promoting Quaker outreach in the wider community.

While the meeting was preparing for the submission of the State of the Meeting report, Clerk Doug Burks asked the meeting for a discussion of how people feel about the state of the Meeting.

## Dayton Monthly Meeting

Health concerns of some of our members have caused Dayton Friends Meeting to devote much of our time to pastoral care. One of these members with health concerns, who lives at a distance and has difficulty driving, was serendipitously united with a Friend at a meeting of a local non-profit group working to reduce poverty in their community. They have formed a worship group and though we miss Dean greatly, we are happy that what seems to be best for him has worked out through the emergence of a new Friends Meeting.

We enjoyed hosting Englewood Friends for a joint worship and potluck at our meetingroom this spring.

Once again our annual Easter breakfast and worship was well

Comments included that committees tend to wax and wane, but currently Peace & Social Concerns, F.U.N. and other committees have been very active. It was noted that over-all the Meeting congregation tends to be aging. Discussion of how to keep a broad age range and a vital Meeting, including interesting young people. We have lost a number of weighty Friends over the last few years. Where is the new leadership coming from? It was noted that the teen group is even more a vital part of our Meeting, which strengthens us. They are doing a lot including regular service trips. It is in large part thanks to Wilhelmina Branson that the teen group has been so consistently active for so many years. We have regular intergenerational activities, which also helps strengthen the bonds in the Meeting. We have a number of visitors from XU, but they rarely stick with us. How could we engage them? Outreach is a continuing challenge for us. The Meeting is small and there are a lot of responsibilities. The pressure to take on a lot of responsibility may actually drive some people away. It was noted that for similar reasons, Eastern Hills Meeting laid down some of its committees. As part of outreach we need to let more families know that we have an active First Day school program. Keeping a critical mass for the children's program is always a struggle. We need to get more people involved without overwhelming them. More community social activities might help with this. It was suggested that we need to continue to strengthen our ties with the other Meetings in town. We do so informally through shared classes and spiritual nurture groups, Free Store volunteering together, etc. It was suggested that the Clerks/pastors of the Meetings might meet together periodically to discern ways of cooperating and strengthening our connections. Church attendance is down overall in all churches. We are fortunate to be as stable as we are. We have lots of activities going on-- plant sale, teen trip, circles of trust and others.

*submitted by Tim Leonard*

attended and enjoyed by those who were able to attend.

Sam and Pat Johnson continue to work with Englewood Friends in preparing food for St. Vincent's Homeless Shelter while several of our members take turns in serving food there once a month.

Our young adults maintain connection to our Meeting and are pursuing paths which are conducive to nurturing spiritual growth. Alex French has graduated from the Ohio State University, Anna Henry from the University of Dayton, and William Henry from Northmont High School. William will be attending Earlham College in the fall. Lisa Scarpelli will be participating in the Young Adult Leadership Development Program at Pendle Hill beginning this June.

*Terri Scarpelli, correspondent*

# 2011 Yearly Meeting Program Sessions and Speakers

## Margery Post Abbott and Noah Baker Merrill:

Plenary Session: Thursday, 7- 8:30 pm, July 28

### "Walking Humbly With Our God"

To take up an everyday ministry involves both the inward motion of listening and attending to the Guide and the outward motion of seeking to bring what we hear into our lives and the wider world. In the two plenary sessions this year, Noah and Marge will jointly address some of the dimensions of the call to service as it has become visible in their lives

Tonight, Marge and Noah will reflect on their very different experiences of listening and responding to leadings to service. Together they will consider ways we can help one another awaken more fully to the eternal Presence at work among us and be more attentive to the invitation to know more of God. Marge will speak to the sometimes painful process of learning to articulate her glimpses of the Hope that walks beside each of us which was central to her call to ministry. Noah will offer field notes from an unfolding journey of struggle, surrender, and transformation as he seeks to learn and practice faithfulness.

Together, they will engage with the lessons they have found in encouraging and challenging all of us as we are taught to walk in the Way of Love.

Plenary Session: Friday, 7 - 8:30, July 29

### "To Do Justice and To Love Kindness"

The outward dimension of ministry is not separate from the inward motion, but rather thrives only as we return again and again to the Source. Marge and Noah have been led into very different work, and each has found different sources of inspiration as well as pressures pushing them away from living out the heart of their ministry. This evening's conversation will contrast two distinct experiences of making visible the walk with God.

In his journey as an activist, aid worker, and traveling minister, Noah has sought to understand, live, and help make visible the invitation to what Quaker mystic and scholar Rufus Jones called Friends' "prophetic service" - seeking out, living in, and moving from the places where worship and witness meet - in the Religious Society of Friends, among the people of Iraq, and elsewhere.

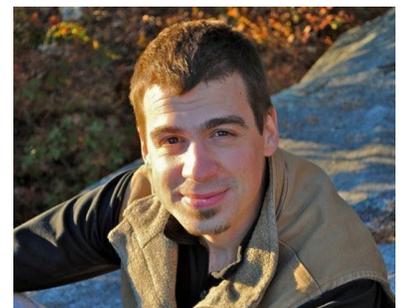
As her work among Friends grew Marge came to engage with Quakers from the programmed meetings which are the majority in Oregon. She found herself drawn reluctantly into coming to terms with her own hostility towards evangelical Quakers in ways that have opened a much wider vision of who we are and what we are about in the world. In this work she has come to believe that the challenge to love one another within our family of Friends is a crucial witness in a tangled, bitter world.

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**Marge Abbott**, a member of Multnomah Meeting in Portland, Oregon, is a "released Friend" who teaches and writes about Quaker theology and practice. She often finds herself in a place of apparent contradictions, e.g., writing about mysticism and clerking Friends Committee on National Legislation. A liberal, unprogrammed Friend, her faith is regularly nourished (and challenged) by evangelical Friends of the pastoral tradition. She often finds herself asking "what is being a Friend all about?" in the context of encountering Friends worldwide and invites others to do the same.

Her newest book, *To Be Broken and Tender* was published by Western Friend in 2010. Along with co-editing *Walk Worthy of Your Calling: Quakers and the traveling ministry*, with Peggy Parsons, Marge has two other books about Friends: *A Certain Kind of Perfection: An anthology of evangelical and liberal Quaker writers*, and *The Historical Dictionary of the Friends (Quakers)*. She also wrote three Pendle Hill pamphlets: *Quaker Views on Mysticism*, *An Experiment in Faith*, and *Christianity and the Inner Life*.

**Noah Baker Merrill**, a member of Putney Friends Meeting in Vermont, travels widely in the ministry among Friends and elsewhere. In this service, he regularly offers vocal ministry at Friends' gatherings and beyond; leads workshops on diverse topics including spiritual activism, Quaker worship, and traveling ministry; and participates with others in Love's invitation toward the integration of worship and witness. The minute he carries in these travels, endorsed by New England Yearly Meeting (NEYM), affirms his call to a ministry of "building relationships and waking hearts." He serves on NEYM's Committee on Ministry and Counsel, and is a graduate of The Way of Ministry program. In 2009, for work supporting a future of peace for and with the people of Iraq, the Utne Reader recognized Noah as one of "50 Visionaries Who Are Changing Your World."



## **Workshop Wednesday, 1 - 2 pm, July 27**

### **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 pm, July 28**

### **1. Diann Herzog: Eldering-An Encouragement to Faithfulness**

Spirit led eldering is a ministry of love for both individuals and meetings. Rightly offered, as a gift of the Spirit, it can bring us all into closer relationship with God and each other and help us to grow into spiritual maturity.

### **2. Mark Rembert: The Rise of the Collaborative Economy**

Each day we make dozens of economic decisions that have a profound impact on the world we live in. In this session we'll explore how technology is creating a new generation of consumers and businesses building an economy based on sharing, cooperation, and mindfulness of the impact of our economic decisions. Join us for this free market discussion on building a better world.

### **3. Margery Post Abbott: Humility and Holy Boldness: Sharing What We Know of the Infinite**

In addition to her personal struggle to find words to speak of the work of the Spirit in her life, Marge has encountered the dilemma within her meeting community around the many languages individuals have for the spiritual journey, and the concern many hold not to harm or offend others with the words they use. She has come to believe that this is one of many places where we are called to live out a paradox: the paradox of speaking with holy boldness and speaking with humility. This workshop will explore some of the dimensions of humility and how that is manifest, as well as ways in which we might speak with integrity of what we know of God.

### **4. Michael Wajda: Yielding: The Gifts of the Gathered Condition**

The Power of Quaker Spirituality is anchored in a deep inward knowing of Something far wiser and greater than ourselves. This knowing is matured and expanded by our corporate experiences in meeting for worship, meeting for business, and other forms of listening to one another. As we learn to yield to this Greater Good, our lives are improved in significant measure, as is the world.

Come to listen, share experiences, and learn about the flavor and texture of the "gathered condition." In earlier times, the gathered experience was core to Quaker conviction, practice, and personal transformation. What does the gathered condition have to offer us today?

### **5. Silent Worship in Stout Meeting House**

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

## **Workshops: Friday, 1:45 - 3:15 pm, July 29**

### **6. Paul Buckley: Elias Hicks, A Life of Service**

Elias Hicks has been credited (or blamed) for the separation in the 1820's that shaped our spiritual home, the Religious Society of Friends, as we know it today. This workshop will focus on Elias Hicks as an environmentalist, a war tax resister, an abolitionist, and especially as a man who felt called to travel extensively in the ministry

### **7. Noah Baker Merrill: For I Have Called You "Friends": Quakerism for a New Day**

The Spirit is moving among Friends today, across the country and among our diverse communities -challenging us, breaking through the aspects of our meetings and institutions that are lifeless or no longer useful, inviting us into a "new day" of vibrant life as communities of Friends. What are the challenges? The dangers? The risks? The opportunities? Through a mix of experiential activities, discussions, worship, and worship-sharing, we'll explore, learn from, and envision the past, present, and future of the Quaker movement. Gathered in a "meeting for worship with attention to being a gathered people," we'll ask what Love might require of us - in our own journeys, in our corporate life as Friends, and in this blessed, wounded world we call home.

### **8. Cindi Goslee and Roland Kreager: Three Principles of Economic Discipleship**

We will explore three principles Right Sharing of World Resources has learned from our work with our micro enterprise project partners in India, Kenya and Sierra Leone. We will look at an example of how those principles of Local Self Reliance, Mutual Support and Accountability, and Sustainability are manifested by one of our partners and explore how we North American Friends might use these guiding principles in our own lives and economic decisions.

### **9. Teens: Increasing the Peace and Making Safe Places for Ourselves and Others**

The workshop title encapsulates the experiences of the OVYM Teen Group over the past year, which included a programming focus on bullying and LGBT issues and concluded with a 10-day service trip to the Osage Nation Reservation in northeastern Oklahoma. We'll have pictures and candy.

# 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.

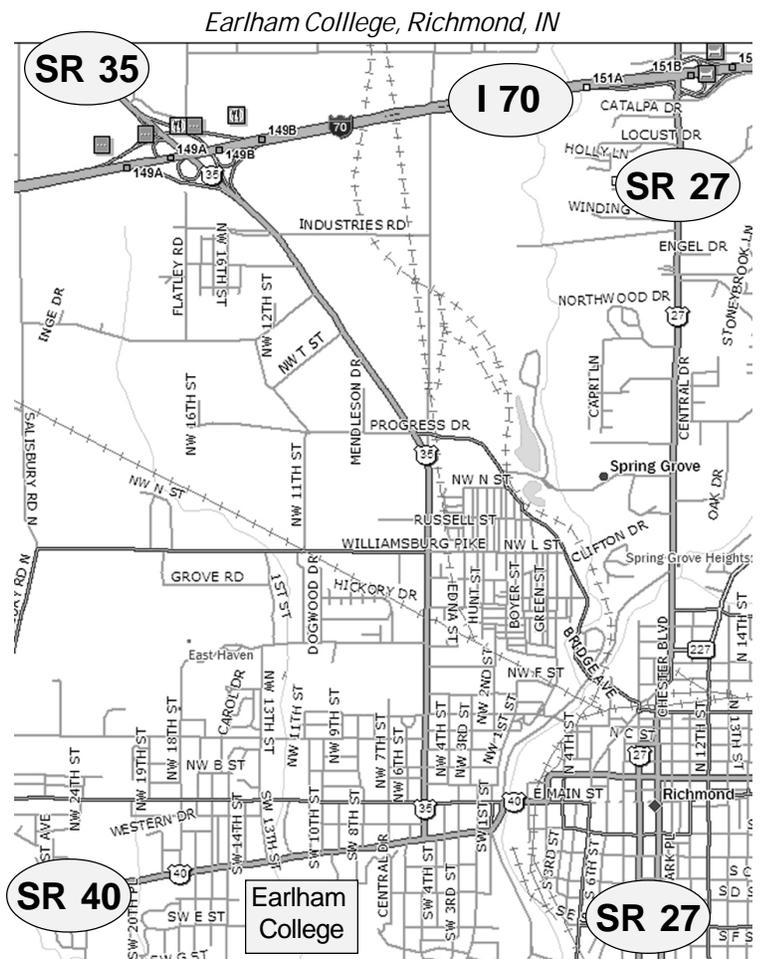
**Items to bring:** Earlham College does **NOT** provide linens or towels, so everyone **MUST** bring their own towel, pillow, sheets and blankets. You may want to use the following checklist:

- 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 **water bottle for the canoe trip.**
- 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 27 through July 31, 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.

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| <p>Thursday</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Diann Herzog: Eldering - an Encouragement to Faithfulness</li> <li>2. Mark Rembert: The Rise of the Collaborative Economy</li> <li>3. Marge Abbott: Humility and Holy Boldness</li> <li>4. Michael Wajda: Yielding - The Gifts of the Gathered Condition</li> <li>5. Silent Worship</li> </ol> | <p>Friday</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Paul Buckley: Elias Hicks, A Life of Service</li> <li>7. Cindi Goslee, Ronald Kreager: Three Principles of Economic Discipleship</li> <li>8. Noah Baker Merrill: For I Have Called You "Friends"</li> <li>9. Teens: Increasing the Peace and Making Safe Places for Ourselves and Others</li> </ol> |
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**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.

- Check here** if you are want to participate in the **Habitat for Humanity Service Project** on Wednesday, 10:00am - 3:00pm?

**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 \$96.00 =				
		Number of Children (0-18) _____		(no charge for children)				
<hr/>								
<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>  </del>						Adult Meals x \$5.20 =
	children	<del>  </del>						(no charge for children)
Lunch	adults	<del>  </del>						Adult Meals x \$8.20 =
	children	<del>  </del>						(no charge for children)
Dinner	adults					<del>  </del>		Adult Meals x \$11.60 =
	children					<del>  </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 \$112.00 =			
		Number of Children (0-18) _____		(no charge for children)			
<hr/>							
<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	
	Rooms Total	
Registration Fee: Number of Adults x \$20.00 (\$30.00 if sent after July 6)		
Contribution to OVYM		
Total: (check payable to OVYM)		
Young Adult Friends & 1st Time Attenders – 50% discount	OR	
<b>Young Adult Friends ages 18-35 and First Time Attenders, subtract 50% of total cost</b>		

**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.

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|---|--|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <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 9 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 water bottle for the canoe 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).**



### 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 \_\_\_\_\_



A few of the pictures from 2010 Sessions clock wise from the top left: 1. workshop - Michael Birkel: Family, Home and Hospitality in Scripture; 2. an unscheduled workshop put on by the Young Adults; 3. an ad hoc planning session at lunch; and 4. outside Mills Hall, a quiet reflection on what seems some times to be the endless energy and joy of youth.



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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)

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

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

# OVYM 191 Annual Sessions, July 27 - July 31, 2011

## What Does the Lord Ask of Us: Our Everyday Ministry of Love and Service

Adult Mills	Teen Mills	Middle Youth Mills	Children Mills
<b>Wednesday – Registration, 12:00 - 9:00pm – Runyon Center</b>			<i>Site Manager: tba</i>
Service Project: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm			project
1:00 - 2:00 pm FAP training			2:15 - 5:00 pm program get acquainted activities
3:45 - 4:45 pm Get Acquainted Activity for all ages and Welcoming Worship hosted by the Teens			
5:15 - 6:15 pm dinner			
6:15 - 6:45 pm singing	7:00 - 9:15 pm Teen program	7:00 - 9:15 pm Middle Youth Program	6:30 - 7:00 pm children and sponsor orientation
6:45 - 9:45 pm Meeting for Worship with attention to business ..... LBC Richmond			
9:45 pm - 11:00 pm open time	9:30 - 10:30 pm parent / sponsor / Teen meeting	9:15 - 10:00 pm parents meet with Middle Youth leaders and staff	9:00 - 10:00 pm with parents
	10:30 - 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 Canoe 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 - LBC		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 †	2:30 - 5:00 pm Teen program	1:30 - 5:00 pm bike, swim, crafts	1:30 - 5:00 pm program
3:30 - 5:00 PM Meeting for Worship with attention to business LBC Richmond			
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: 7:00 - 8:30 pm</b>			6:45 - 8:45 pm program
9:00 - 10:00 pm Interest Groups	7:00 - 10:00 pm Teen program	9:00 - 10:00 pm with parents	9:00 - 10:00 pm with parents
<b>10:00 - 11:00 pm</b> <b>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: 1:15 - 3:45 pm			location
1. Diann Herzog: Eldering - an Encouragement to Faithfulness			
2. Mark Rembert: The Rise of the Collaborative Economy			
3. Marge Abbott: Humility and Holy Boldness - Sharing What We Know of the Infinite			
4. Michael Wajda: Yielding - The Gifts of the Gathered Condition			
5. Silent Worship			Stout Meeting House
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.	Middle Youth need to bring their bicycles.

<b>Adult</b>	<b>Teen</b>	<b>Middle Youth</b>	<b>Children</b>
Mills	Mills	Mills	Mills
<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 Canoe Trip	8:30 am - 12 pm program
10:00 am - 12:30 pm Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business			
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: 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
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11:00 pm - quiet time in dorms			
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6. Paul Buckley: Elias Hicks, A Life of Service			
7. Cindi Goslee, Ronald Kreager: Three Principles of Economic Discipleship			
8. Noah Baker Merrill: For I Have Called You "Friends": Quakerism for a New Day			
9. Teens: Increasing the Peace and Making Safe Places for Ourselves and Others			
<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 - LBC Richmond	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 Larry and Lenna Mae Gara		1:15 - 4:00 pm program	1:30 - 4:00 pm program
3:00 - 4:00 pm Simply Speaking			
4:00 - 5:00 pm free time for Interest Groups, committee meetings, and ...			
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 the Bookstore			
	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>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 - LBC Richmond			
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>			

## Eastern Hills Monthly Meeting

We have begun the transformation of our meetinghouse's rather large lawn to a "forest garden," planting trees and perennials that will provide food and other amenities, both for critters that live in the area and for us! The first step was planting three serviceberry trees in our front yard, from which we expect to gain shade and edible berries.

We enjoyed a performance of JP Lund's composition for church bells, entitled "Easter at Christ Church Cathedral," which was played at the Episcopal Cathedral in downtown Cincinnati after the Easter morning service. We are lucky to have such a talented musician and composer in our midst. Afterward, we gathered at the Boyce-Viehmman household for an Easter potluck,

accompanied by (too much!) Easter candy.

Our library is now catalogued on LibraryThing. To see what is in our collection, go to <http://www.easternhillsfriends.org/aboutmeeting.htm> and follow Our Library Catalog link.

Our meeting actively participates in Greater Anderson Promotes Peace (GAPP), which fights racism and promotes diversity in our community. One of our members, Martha Viehmann, helped design a bumper sticker with the words "Diversity, Understanding, Inclusion" to promote the activities of this organization.

*submitted by Rick Boyce*

## Fall Creek Monthly Meeting

**How does a small Quaker meeting out in the country, with no formal outreach effort, continue to attract visitors and grow in membership?**

*submitted by Diann Herzog*

## Hopewell Monthly Meeting

Hopewell like the rest of Indiana has been snowed in, roads closed, 3 or 4 times this winter. Maybe more. We've been flooded, rained out; pilot light in furnace blown out, and pump broke. That's just the Meetinghouse. Attendee's and members have all had the same fun in their houses, cars and on the roads they travel to Meeting. I think it was much like early Meeting Friends only without the horses and model-Ts.

I appreciate now what Ray Stewart, one of the organizers of early Hopewell, told me about early Friends just shutting down things at Earlham, and Meetings. "To save fuel and you couldn't get there anyway." Weather moves in cycles and this must be repeating those earlier years.

However being good Friends that can meet any adversity, we persevered. And did things above and beyond.

We fixed furnaces, pumps, pilot lights, fuel oil and cars. Snow got removed, water dried up, a little. We met in the children's room, in member's houses and sometimes had to cancel.

In spite of that we kept studying the Qur'an We then visited Kokomo First Friends, the pastor an ESR graduate, was/is a member of Hopewell as is her family. Then we visited her parsonage, ate a light lunch and visited with the leader of a group of Kokomo Muslims. They had been meeting on their worship day in First Friends until their new place of worship was built. He was enough to a make a special trip to speak to us.

We asked him questions about what we had read in the Qur'an, what we didn't understand. We discussed what was like our beliefs, what was different. He very eloquently explained: the difference, the beliefs that were alike, how to read and interpret the Qur'an. He was knowledgeable about our religion and belief system. It opened doors for us to think about and to expand our knowledge of our own beliefs and explore other ideas. To understand that whatever name you give to God, there are so many

ways to worship and in those ways much is the same.

We had the annual Easter Hunt, without our traditional breakfast because the water was on a vacation. It was still fun for the children and the adults to urge them on. One member always stuffs the eggs with prizes and works out a system so everyone gets the right surprises. One egg was not found until this past First Day, in a coffee cup. "Seek and you shall find." If you seek long enough and the answer can come when and how you least expect it. The candy in the egg was still good.

We visited Richs Square and enjoyed the viewing of an old Meeting that is now a historic building in such perfect shape. Kept that way by loving Friends. You could almost see the early Friends singing and sitting in the Silence. The speaker's podium stood waiting with the chairs for the pastor and clerk or guest speaker. You could look out the windows to the cemetery where deceased members were laid to rest. I am sure after a life of good Quaker works. Some of our members had relatives buried in the graveyard. The earlier Hopewell Meeting was a sponsor for this meeting, so it was a visit of Friends.

We are going to continue our study of different religious beliefs by studying Jewish writings and The Torah.

The flowers are coming up around our labyrinth; our shed is remodeled, almost, to hold lawnmowers. One of members leads the lawn-mowing brigade and others are working in summer worshipful attendance on the weeds, flowers and grass that surrounds our Meeting House.

A writing group that one of our members attends is having a Writing Retreat and members are invited, later this summer. We have added a new baby girl. One of our members has spent a great deal of time in and out of the hospital but we rejoiced in seeing him being able to attend a Meeting.

## Hopewell Monthly Meeting

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One junior Friend still manages to sit in the silence for the hour. His younger sister is working on her 15 minutes. Birds sing around the Meetinghouse. There have been tears and laughter. We continue to hold in the Light all who work, pray and sometimes die to bring Peace and Justice to the world. We hold that

same thought for all the families struggling for jobs, economic growth, who suffer through the catastrophe of floods, storms and loss of property in this time of storms, floods, earthquakes, and hazards.

*Peace to all. Sherita*

## Miami Monthly Meeting

### OVER THE HOLIDAYS:

4th Month 24th, Miami celebrated Easter with meetings for worship at Quaker Heights for the residents and staff, regular meeting for worship, carry-in luncheon, and an egg hunt for the young ones. The program was well-attended.

### MEMBERSHIP NOTES

We were saddened at the passing of long-time member, Seth Furnas Jr., who passed away April 25th. His memorial meeting for worship was held on May 2nd in the White Brick Meeting House.

### COMING EVENTS

Annual Worship and Picnic at Fort Ancient is scheduled for July 17th in the historic Warren County Native American site. Meeting for Worship will begin at 10:30 with carry-in picnic luncheon to follow. All throughout Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting are invited to come and participate in the gathering beneath the trees. For more information, see the calendar page at <http://>

[Miami.quaker.org](http://Miami.quaker.org).

### RECENT EVENTS

The Celebration of the Bicentennial of the White Brick Meetinghouse was held on May 15th, in conjunction with Miami Quarterly Meeting's gathering in Waynesville. The program began with Meeting for Worship, followed by a carry-in luncheon. Quarterly Meeting for Business included the presentation of the State of the Society reports followed by a presentation of the history of the White Brick Meetinghouse. An open house with refreshments closed out the day.

10:30 Meeting for Worship

11:10 Carry-In Luncheon

1:00 Quarterly Meeting (State of the Society Reports)

2:30 Presentation of the White Brick History

3:00 Open House and Refreshments

*Lonny*

## Oxford Monthly Meeting

Our Advent Event for 2010 focused on world food needs. We played a non-trivia game on the subject, and raised \$410 for Heifer Project for donations of: 1 Gardener's Basket (bees and seeds and rabbits, 1 sheep, and 2 flocks of hope (chicks, ducks and geese).

First Day School is active and enthusiastic. 100% participation is easy when there is only one student! Favorite topics these days include right relation to nature, and we recently had units on "What is the Bible?" and a survey of Nobel Peace Prize winners.

We are now concerned that the long-term host of our meeting premises, the United Campus Ministry, has suffered a catastrophic loss of support from area churches. Our thoughts and

prayers – and increased budget support – are with them as they seek new backing and reconsider their mission.

Oxford Friends celebrated spring on a rare rainless day at the woodland home of Nani and Mike Ball. We enjoyed a wildflower walk, a Cuban-themed potluck, and a report from Steve Angell of his recent visit to Cuba to share ministry with Cuba Yearly Meeting.

Our one-child first-day school has concentrated this spring on nature themes: spirits of place, honeybees, and wolves, plus a unit on Nobel Prize winners.

*Peace, Andy Garrison*

## Yellow Springs Monthly Meeting

State of the Meeting Report, Fifth Month 2011

Yellow Springs Friends Meeting continues to thrive. In good faith and without a revised lease from Antioch College we took responsibility for the environmental waste created by our old airy building. Rockford Chapel now has well insulated walls and new windows. During the weatherization work we had meeting for worship in the multi purpose room. In May the meeting and Yellow Springs Havurah (a Jewish worship group that shares Rockford ) co-sponsored an open house to celebrate the completion of this work.

A new "Godly Play" curriculum was inaugurated in our First Day

school for children and also adults who attend on certain days. This was learned at a Pendle Hill workshop and brought to us by Heather Snediker-Morschek. Adult First Day school is also active and with good attendance. Other groups and committees also continue to be active. These include Seventh Day peace vigil, witnessing to end the death penalty, worship sharing, Course in Miracles, meditation and more. Peace & Social Concerns now presents every 4th First Day. Membership & Pastoral Care has recently done a careful job of checking and culling the list of members. There is now a special Nominating Committee for Friends Care Board and Friends continue their presence there. Friendly dinners are about to begin again and a retreat is planned

for the Fall.

This year we lost three beloved friends, Irwin Abrams, Barbara Preis and most recently Ken Champney. This year will see several graduations including Mary Hyde from Otterbein College, Uta Brewington from Greene County Career Center and Porter and Hollister Finch from Miami Valley School. Christian Snediker-Morschek joined by convincement. We now number 118 Friends. Recently 45 of us were present at the 11 a.m. First Day Meeting for Worship.

*All thanks be to God!*

*Respectfully submitted, Victoria Burke*

Lifelong Friend and peace activist Ken Champney departed this life on April 15. He died at home with his family around him. He was our long-standing Meeting treasurer. He served time in federal prison for refusal to register. He kept his income low enough to avoid federal income tax.

He and his wife Peg had a major role in running the Yellow Springs News for many years. They were active in countless Meeting and Yellow Springs activities.

A memorial service was held on May 3.

We also lost Barbara Preis, who came to our Meeting from New Zealand with her late husband William Preis. The Preises have been very generous in support of the Meeting.

The Meeting completed a major remodeling of the chapel, providing much better insulation and reducing our carbon footprint.

Heather Snediker-Morschek continues to edify us with Christian and Quaker history presented as "Godly Play."

We expect a visit from Friend David Bucura, from Rwanda on May 22.

*In the Light, Carl Hyde*

## News From The Broadacre

### Mt. Gilead Friends Retreat Workshops

For information on these workshops call 812-679-6835 or e-mail us at [mtgilfr@bloomington.in.us](mailto:mtgilfr@bloomington.in.us).

#### **Day Quest: Finding Your Way in Nature**

Led by Forrest Gilmore

September 24, 9:00-3:30

#### **Being Quiet: Silence for Everyone**

Led by Brent Bill

November 5, 9:00-3:30



### Quaker Heritage Center

Upcoming Exhibit at the Quaker Heritage Center:  
"Transforming Lives: The Work of Friends United Meeting"

Opening Reception: Wednesday, July 27, 1 to 4 p.m.

Exhibit on Display: Thursday, July 28, through Friday, December 16, 2011

Gallery Hours: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and by appointment

Please Note: Summer hours may vary due to conference and yearly meeting travels. Please call before stopping by so that we can be sure to greet you!

Explore the world through the eyes of Friends! Friends United Meeting supports mission projects around the globe - Cuba, Jamaica, Ramallah, Kenya, Belize - and you can "travel" to them

all without a passport by visiting the Quaker Heritage Center. Learn about the projects, the people who support them, the people on the ground who make them happen, and - most importantly - the way that work transforms lives through the Friends witness.

Ruth M. Brindle Dobyns

Curator, Quaker Heritage Center

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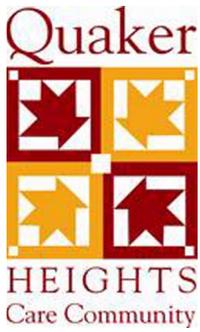
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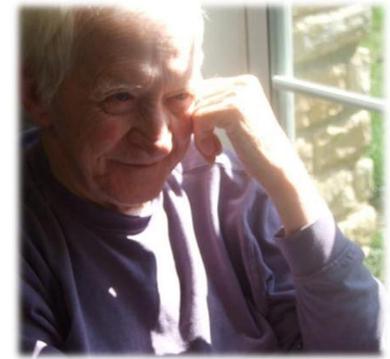
# Quaker Heights Care Community

## Quaker Heights' Trustees Approve Board Development Plan



The annual meeting of the corporation took place In Fourth Month, 27th Day 2011. Alice Palmer, the Presiding Clerk, reported on the most significant events happening at Quaker Heights over the last year. The most important change was the newly approved Board Development Plan. The document, developed in consultation with Dr. Pam Leland (an expert in Quaker non-profit board growth and transformation), outlined the process to reduce the size of the Operating Board while increasing the size of the Foundation Board. The plan also eliminates some board committees while adding others. The goal is to follow best known practices for highly functioning boards. These strategies will lead to enhanced governance structures

and processes. As Quaker Heights faces unprecedented challenges in the future to remain viable and relevant, the board development plan will help Trustees prepare for the hard work. Attendees were reminded of the mission to provide care to the aged and chronically ill. Pictured below is one resident at Quaker Heights whose life is made better by the services supported under the governance of the Board of Trustees. The image stands in testimony to the dedication demonstrated by all board and committee members to make love visible through service.



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## The Epistle from the Elders at Balby, 1656

As in the copy in the Lancashire Records Office at Preston, from the papers of Marsden Monthly Meeting.

The elders and brethren send unto the brethren in the north these necessary things following; to which, if in the light you wait, to be kept in obedience, you shall do well. Fare well

1. That the particular meetings by all the children of Light, be duly kept and observed, where they be already settled, every first-day of the week; except they be moved to other places. And that general meetings be kept in order and sweet in the life of God, on some other day of the week than on the First-day, unless there be a moving to the contrary: that so in the light and life, the meetings may be kept, to the praise of God.

2. That care be taken, that as any are brought into the truth, meetings be in such places amongst them, as may be for the most convenience of all, without respect of persons: and that hands be laid on none suddenly, lest the truth suffer.

3. That if any person draw back from meetings, and walk disorderly, some go to speak to such as draw back; to exhort and admonish such with a tender, meek spirit, whom they find negligent or disorderly. And if any, after admonition, do persist in the thing not good, let them again be admonished and reprov'd before two or three witnesses; that by the mouth of two or three witnesses, every thing may be established. And if still they persevere in them, then let the thing be declared to the church: and when the church hath reprov'd them for their disorderly walking, and admonish'd them in the tender and meek spirit, and they do not reform, then let their names and the causes, and such as can justly testify the truth therein, and their answers, be sent in writing to some whom the Lord hath raised up in the power of his Spirit to be fathers, his children to gather in the light, that the thing may be known to the body; and with the consent of the whole body, the thing may be determined in the light.

4. That as any are moved of the Lord to speak the word of the Lord at such meetings, that it be done in faithfulness, without adding or diminishing. And if at such meetings, any thing at any time be otherwise spoken by any not of the light, whereby the seed of God

cometh to be burthened; let the person or persons in whom the seed of God is burthened, speak in the light (as of the Lord they are moved,) in meekness and godly fear, to him; but let it be done in private, betwixt them two, or before two or three witnesses, and not in the public meetings, except there be a special moving so to do.

5. That collections be timely made for the poor, (that are so indeed,) as they are moved, according to order, -for relief of prisoners, and other necessary uses, as need shall require: and all moneys so collected, an account thereof to be taken; from which every need may be supplied, as made known by the overseers in every meeting: that no private ends may be answered, but all brought to the light, that the gospel be not slandered.

6. That care be taken for the families and goods of such as are called forth into the ministry, or who are imprisoned for the truth's sake; that no creatures be lost for want of the creatures.

7. That as many as are moved of the Lord in his light to take a brother or a sister in marriage, marriage being honourable in all, and the bed undefiled, let it be made known to the children of light, especially to those of the meeting of which the parties are members: that all, in the light may it witness to be of God. And being by the light made manifest to be of God let them be joined together in the Lord and in his fear, in the presence of many witnesses; according to the example of the holy men of God in the Scriptures of truth recorded, which were written for our example and learning; that no scandal may rest upon the truth, nor anything be done in secret; but all things brought to the Light that truth may trample over all deceit, and that they who are joined together in the Lord, may not by man be put asunder, whom God hath joined together. That there may be a record in writing, (witnessing, the day, place, and year, of such things) kept within [that meeting] of which one or both of them are members; under which writing the witnesses present may subscribe their names, or so many of them as be convenient; for the stopping the mouths of all gainsayers, and for the manifesting the truth to all that are without.

8. That a record be kept in every meeting of the births of children of such who are members of that meeting, and of the burials of the

dead who die in the Lord as they depart out of the body; which be done after the manner of the holy men of God, recorded in the Scriptures of truth; and not after the customs of the heathen; that know not God.

9. That husbands and wives dwell together according to knowledge, as being heirs together of the grace of life; that children obey their parents in the Lord; and that parents provoke not their children to wrath, but bring them up in the nurture and fear of God, walking before them as good examples, in gravity and godliness; providing things honest in the sight of God and man.

10. That servants be obedient to them that are their masters in the flesh, in things that are good, in singleness of heart as unto Christ; not with eye-service, as men-pleasers, but as the servants of Christ; doing the will of God from the heart; with good-will doing service, as to the Lord and not to men; knowing whatsoever good thing any man doth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free. And that masters give to their servants that which is just and equal; forbearing threatening, knowing that their Master is also in heaven; neither is there respect of persons with him.

11. That care be taken that none who are servants depart from their masters, but as they both do see in the light: or any master to put away his servant, but by the like consent of the servant: and if any master or servant in their wills do otherwise it is to be judged by Friends in the light.

12. That the necessities of the poor, widows and fatherless, may be truly supplied, and that such as are able to work, and do not, may be admonished: and if, after admonition, they refuse to work, then let them not eat. And that the children of such as are in necessity, be put to honest employment; that none be idle in the Lord's vineyard.

13. That care be taken, that as any are called before outward powers of the nation, that in the light, obedience to the Lord be given.

14. That if any be called to serve the commonwealth in any public service, which is for the public wealth and good, that with cheerfulness it be undertaken, and in faithfulness discharged: and that therein patterns and examples, in the thing that is righteous, you may be, to those that be without.

15. That all Friends that have callings and trades, do labour in the

thing that is good, in faithfulness and uprightness, and keep to their yea and nay in all their communications: and that all who are indebted to the world, endeavour to discharge the same, that nothing they may owe to any man but love one to another.

16. That no-one speak evil of another, neither judge one against another; but rather judge this, that none put a stumbling-block or occasion to fall in his brother's way.

17. That none be busy bodies in others' matters, but each one to bear another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ; that they be sincere and without offence, and that all things that are honest, be done without murmuring, and disputing, that you may be blameless and harmless. the sons of God without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, amongst whom they may shine as lights in the world.

18. That Christian moderation be used towards all men: that they who obey not the word, may be won with those that in the word dwell, to guide in an holy life and godly conversation.

19. That the Elders made by the holy Ghost, feed the flock of God, taking the oversight thereof willingly, not by constraint, but of a willing mind; neither as lords over God's heritage, but as examples to the flock of Christ.

20. That the younger submit themselves to the elder, yea all be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility; for God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace to the humble.

Given forth at a general meeting of friends in truth at Balby in Yorkshire in the ninth month 1656

From the Spirit of truth to the children of light, to walk in the light; that all in order be kept in obedience; that he may be glorified, who is worthy over all, God blessed for ever. Amen

Richard Farnworth

William Dewsbury

Dearly beloved Friends, these things we do not lay upon you as a rule or form to walk by; but that all, with a measure of the light, which is pure and holy, may be guided: and so in the light walking and abiding, these things may be fulfilled in the Spirit, not in the letter, for the letter killeth, but the Spirit giveth life.

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**Editor's note:** I end up with space in this newsletter that is not otherwise specified. For that space, I had found an item from FCNL (Climate Wars) for a past issue about legislation (a bill that did not pass) to put a very small tax on currency trading to provide for what seems more and more likely: global rising sea levels, and a series of news items about human activities that cause global warming and are seemingly unavoidable. That discretionary space did in the end get filled with the business of Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting. I had considered this Climate Wars item for this issue, but its time had past (as the bill had failed), not that the task that faces us is not gargantuan.

In discussing an item with my editorial board, the advice of the Elders of Balby was cited. Not having grown up in the Quaker tradition, this was something that had escaped me and in the age of the internet it was not hard to find. I have read it through a couple of times and I will reread. Some advice gave me pause and some a chuckle. So here it is, almost four hundred years old. Some of its advice is topical and some is timeless. *QQDC*

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**Editor's note:** as a matter of record

In discussing procedure, Ben Griffith gave this explanation of Quaker process and then wondered where it might be written, so let it be written.

It is customary for a minute like this to be discussed for some specific length of time on the floor of sessions (shorter rather than longer!) to let an initial airing of concerns and/or support arise. Coming from Whitewater Quarterly, it would be most appropriate for the minute to travel from YM sessions to Miami Quarterly next for discernment and whether MQ also unites with this minute. MQ would send the minute to all its constituent meetings for consideration/comment before its body would come together for a corporate discernment. Assuming that some form of movement forward might be possible as a Yearly Meeting, this then would come next year at sessions after MQ reports back to YM.

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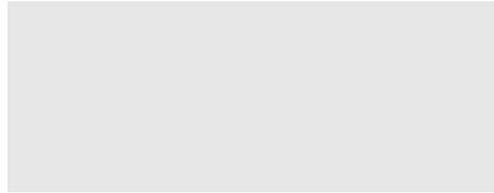
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