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Report to the IYM Site Envisioning Committee

For Their Request for Plans for the Campus

From Clear Creek Monthly Meeting

Our vision for the use of the site in the future is to see year around retreats by IYM people; individuals, Monthly Meetings, committees.

After in-house groups get all the kinks worked out - possibly opening it up for non-Quakers who are looking for a place to hold meetings/retreats.

We see these as being satisfied by the finishing of the Clear Creek House.

One of the big concerns was a need to revamp (rebuild?) the shower house making it more user friendly, more commode stalls, more shower stalls. The cabins are wonderful - in certain weather; but they can be either too hot or too cold at other times.

Of course, what IYM is already aware of - the need for an above ground kitchen/dining room area.

The features and facilities that are important are the above ground kitchen/dining room and a more usable shower house. These are things that will meet the people's physical needs more.

Actually they've satisfied many an IYM attender already. But each succeeding generation seems to want a few more amenities for comfort and accessibility.

The ideas of comfort, accessibility, fire egress came up in our discussion.

A need for more money could be a barrier to many ideas. Also, if the campus is used more there will probably be a need for a caretaker - someone who lives there or not far away who can get there when a group has questions or repair needs. We dream about having a silo or two fixed over for a living space and plan to visit one or two places where this is happening.

Those six qualities of Quakerism can be guides to our projects if there is agreement on their meanings. We questioned whether "simplicity" means buying cheaper products, or do we look for the durability in a product first, the length of time something can be used before needing replacement or repair. We realized we could have purchased a much cheaper refrigerator, but a desire of some to have freezer on bottom, of others to have an ice maker, to have bigger rather than smaller with the interest of different groups coming in to use it in the future - WAY into the future - we decided that future generations would prefer all these amenities and the extra cost was worth it.