

## **ILLINOIS YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS**

2012 Sessions will be held from June 20 to 24  
at the Illinois Yearly Meetinghouse  
14365 N. 350th Ave., McNabb, Illinois 61335  
815-882-2214, [www.ilym.org](http://www.ilym.org)

### **YEARLY MEETING OFFICERS AND OTHERS WITH SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES 2011 - 2012**

**Presiding Clerk:**  
Janice Domanik

**Asst. Presiding Clerk:**  
David Finke

**Recording Clerk:**  
David Shiner

**Asst. Recording Clerk**  
Pam Kuhn

**Reading Clerk**  
Monica Tetzlaff

**Co-Treasurer**  
Dawn Amos

**Co-Treasurer:**  
Valerie Lester

**Admin. Coordinator:**  
Sharon Haworth

**Field Secretary:**  
Paul Buckley

**Youth Coordinator:**  
Javaughn Fernanders

**Steward:**  
Richard Ashdown

**Steward:**  
Carol Bartles

**AYF Clerks:** Christopher Earp & Stephen Kuhn

**AYF Recording Clerk:** Alethea Tschetterwood

**HS YF Clerk:** Liz Anderson, **HS YF Recording Clerk:** Marguerite Daw

ILLINOIS YEARLY MEETING 2011 NUMERICAL STRENGTH CHART

Metropolitan Chicago													WI	TOTALS
DG*	Du	Ev	57*	LF	NS	OaP	RV	SB	UFV	Osh**				
30	7	60	18	30	20	14	5	19	9	5			336	
2	1	10	4	3	4	1	1	6	0	1			63	
54	11	68	18	65	24	11	10	26	11	5			448	
7	3	18	2	4	4	0	0	12	1	1			72	
52	3	37	37	70	10	3	2	12	12	2			422	
4	0	34	0	0	4	0	0	5	0	0			58	
117	17	157	57	139	42	14	12	55	24	8			1000	
106	14	105	55	135	34	14	12	38	23	7			870	
11	3	52	2	4	8	0	0	17	1	1			130	
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	
3	0	6	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0			18	
1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			2	
4	0	7	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0			20	
0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0			6	
2	0	0	64	1	0	1	0	0	0	0			68	
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0			5	
2	0	2	65	2	0	1	0	1	1	0			79	

<sup>1</sup>Note: SR is Spoon River Quaker Meeting, formerly Peoria-Galesburg Meeting.

<sup>\*</sup>Note: These meetings are affiliated with Western Yearly Meeting (Friends United Meeting) as well as IYM.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Note: Oshkosh meeting has dual affiliation with Northern Yearly Meeting (Friends General Conference).

Please note: We do not report half-membership for dually affiliated meetings. The totals represent the entire membership of Illinois Yearly Meeting.

Blue River Quarterly

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								<u>Members &amp; Attenders Statistics</u>	
								Average Attendance:	
								Adults	Under 18 years old
7	10	21	39	15	6	21			
4	2	1	10	4	3	6			
								<u>Membership Statistics</u>	
								Resident Adult Members	Resident Young Friends
7	28	11	53	6	7	33			
3	0	0	5	0	3	9			
4	39	19	51	6	2	61			
0	0	0	3	0	0	8			
14	67	30	112	12	12	111			TOTAL
11	67	30	104	12	9	94			Total Adult Members
3	0	0	8	0	3	17			Total Young Friends
								NEW MEMBERS	
								By Birth or Adoption	By Request
0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
0	0	0	3	0	3	1			
0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
0	0	0	3	0	3	1			TOTAL
								LOSSES	
								Deceased	Released or Withdrawn
0	0	0	1	0	0	1			
0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
0	1	0	0	0	0	2			
0	1	0	1	0	0	3			TOTAL

SUMMARY

Blue River Quarterly	358
Metro Chicago	634
Wisconsin	8
TOTAL	1000

**ADDITIONS AND LOSSES BY NAME AND MEETING**

**ADDITIONS**

<p><b>BY REQUEST:</b></p> <p>To: Downers Grove:              Carol Mangiaracina 10/10              Maria Ibarra Lorence 10/10              Peter Poshepny 1/11</p> <p>To: Evanston:              Alyce Barry 5/10              Naomi Bell 11/10              Laura Briscoe Lavoie 7/10              Rex Nyquist 3/11              George Ronczy 5/10              David Summerhays 9/10</p> <p>To: Lake Forest:              Scott Isaacman 11/10</p> <p>To: Northside:              Melanie McAllen 6/10</p>	<p>To: St. Louis:              Charles Smith 3/11              Lisa Watson 3/11              Amal Tamari (Young Friend) 3/11</p> <p>To: Spoon River:              Erin Taylor 7/10              Sean West 7/10              Lorelei Taylor-West (Young Friend) 7/10</p> <p>To: Urbana-Champaign (Springfield Worship Group)              Dennis Darling (6/10)</p> <p><b>BY TRANSFER:</b></p> <p>To: Downers Grove: Marcia Nelson, from Upper Fox Valley 5/11</p> <p>To: Evanston: Martha Turner from South Bend 4/11</p>
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**LOSSES**

<p><b>BY DEATH:</b></p> <p>Virginia L. (Evanston) 8/10</p>	<p><b>BY TRANSFER:</b></p> <p>Erin Taylor (Spoon River) 7/10</p>
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Virginia Johnson (Evanston) 8/10  
Sheila Cassella (Evanston) 3/11  
George McCoy (57th Street) 5/11  
Dorothy Prevo (Lake Forest) 10/10  
Dorothy Nash (St. Louis) 12/10  
Herbert Goldhor (Urbana-Champaign)  
8/10

BY RELEASE OR WITHDRAWAL:  
Faith Devine (Downers Grove) 12/10  
Diana Malon (DownersGrove) 2009  
Marion Beam (Lake Forest) Fall 2010  
Patricia McMillen (Oak Park) 8/10

From: Clear Creek: Bill Mize to Live  
Oak Meeting, Houston, TX 10/10  
From: South Bend: Martha Turner to  
Evanston 12/10  
From: Upper Fox Valley: Marcia  
Nelson To Downers Grove 3/11  
From: Urbana-Champaign: Ken  
Southwood to San Antonio, TX 8/10  
From: Urbana-Champaign: Janet  
Southwood to San Antonio, TX 8/10

*Note: 64 non-resident members who were no  
longer involved in the life of the meeting were  
cleared from the rolls of 57th Street Meeting.*

### **RATES FOR USE OF ILYM FACILITIES**

Facilities are available April 15—October 15

Site fee for ILYM groups:	\$ 25
Site fee for non-ILYM groups:	\$ 50
Fee per person, per night:	\$ 5
Maximum fee per ILYM group:	\$500
Gas and electric startup fee, and dumpster fee (at cost, according to size) if necessary.	

**THURSDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING:**

7:30-8:45 Evening Program: The Spirit and Creativity  
(Friends share creative talents)  
7:30-9:00 Hayrack Ride & Campfire  
9:00-9:45 Snacks

**FRIDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING:**

4:00 Party to celebrate Clear Creek House  
(Clear Creek House)  
7:30-10 Dancing on front lawn  
9:00-9:45 Snack served outside during dancing

**SATURDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING:**

3:45 Area Planning Groups meet  
4:30-5:30 Variety Show  
7:30-9:00 Young Friends Service Project  
7:30-8:45 Address by Vanessa Julye  
9:00-9:45 Snacks

**SUNDAY**

6:30-7:30 Early Meeting for Worship  
7:30-8:30 Breakfast  
9:00-9:30 Reading of Epistles  
9:30 Group Photo (front porch)  
10:00-11:00 Plummer Lecture by Dick Ashdown  
11:30-12:30 Meeting for Worship  
12:30-1:30 Lunch  
1:30 Cleanup and Farewells

**IYM 2011 Schedule**

**Theme: As Way Opens: *Discerning Our Path Forward in the Light***

**WEDNESDAY:**

2:00-3:30	Opening Session: Worship & Business Meeting
3:30-6:00	Free time for committees & socializing
5:30-6:00	Singing on front porch
	Early supper for kitchen volunteers
6:00-7:00	Dinner
7:30-9:00	Movie Night for Kids (HS Bunkhouse)
7:30-8:45	Address by Mary Garman
9:00-9:45	Snacks

**THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY:**

6:15-7:15 am	Saturday only – Nature Walk (led by Environmental Concerns Committee)
6:30-7:00	Early Meeting for Worship
6:45-7:45	Breakfast
8:00-9:00	Meeting for Worship (Memorials are read at Saturday Meeting for Worship)
9:00-noon	Meeting for Business / Children's Program
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:30-3:45	Craft tent/Recreation
1:30-2:15	Worship Sharing Groups
2:30-3:45	Workshops
3:45-6:00	Free time for committees & socializing
5:30-6:00	Singing on front porch
	Early supper for kitchen volunteers
6:00-7:00	Dinner



Minutes of the Illinois Yearly Meeting  
137<sup>th</sup> Annual Sessions  
Sixth Month, 15-19, 2011, McNabb, IL

**MINUTES OF THE FIRST SESSION**, Wednesday, June 15, 2011

**Minute 1** Our 137<sup>th</sup> annual sessions opened with blessed silence.

**Minute 2** Presiding Clerk David Finke read an old hymn about being called to be together and to love Jesus most of all. He also read from Isaac Penington reminding us to help each other up with a tender hand.

**Minute 3** We welcomed all Friends, especially those Friends who are with us for the first time, including Eva Hare from Northside Meeting.

**Minute 4** We welcomed Vanessa Julye, member of Central Philadelphia monthly meeting, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, who is a visitor from Friends General Conference. We read a letter of introduction for her from FGC.

**Minute 5** The Clerk's Committee members are Dawn Amos, Susanna Davison, Janice Domanik, Margaret Katranides, Pam Kuhn, Elizabeth Mertic, and Tom Paxson. Friends should feel free to speak to any of these members with concerns about our sessions.

**Minute 6** The Ministry and Advancement Committee is forming a Committee of Care. The members are available to help those who may have needs that arise during sessions.

**Minute 7** Friends are reminded of our red session notebooks by the door, which contain minutes of the daily business sessions, memorial minutes, state of society reports, and committee and representative reports which are not part of the advance documents packet.

**Minute 8** Assistant Clerk Janice Domanik read the descriptions of the Epistle Committee and Exercises Committee from our Handbook. The Epistle Committee still needs to be filled. Ted Kuhn and Eva Hare agreed to serve on the Exercises Committee.

**Minute 9** The Nominating Committee report contained the first reading of the nominations for the coming year which will begin as soon as sessions end.

**Minute 10** The Nominating Committee was unable to find a core of Friends to serve on the Development Committee. The committee suggests that we may need to wait until our vision is more developed. The committee seeks other advice from the yearly meeting for the Development Committee.

**Minute 11** Peter Lasersohn gave the report for the Faith and Practice Committee (F&P) (see page 32).

**Minute 12** F&P read the proposed section on worship groups and preparative meetings. They asked for a provisional approval for a five year period. Friends, grateful to the committee, approve this section with changes to be made by the committee (see page 54).

**Minute 13** Pam Kuhn reported for the Handbook Committee. The committee recommends that it no longer distribute paper copies of the Handbook to each local meeting, but rather simply make it available on the ILYM website. The Handbook Committee will continue to send a hard copy to anyone who requests it. Each edition of the Handbook will include the date on which it has been issued. Friends approved.

**Minute 14** The Handbook Committee recommended changes to the following sections of the current Handbook.

- a) In Section One, number one, list all monthly meetings, worship groups, and preparative meetings by their full, official names under the headings of their respective planning groups. The committee will check to see what the official names are before compiling this list.
- b) Remove the page concerning setting up and laying down a monthly meeting, which is now covered in the “Organization and Structure of Meetings” section of *ILYM Faith and Practice*.
- c) Reorganize the material on pages 6-7 to a section to be renamed “Expectations of Local Meetings (Monthly Meetings, Worship Groups, and Preparative Meetings) to Illinois Yearly Meeting.”
- d) Update the description of *ILYM Faith and Practice* to include approved sections.
- e) Reorganize the material under “Changes in Policy or Practice by the Yearly Meeting.”
- f) Edit the description of the Minute Book.
- g) Delete the description of the Quaker Volunteer Service, Training, and Witness

g) Delete the description of the Quaker Volunteer Service, Training, and Witness Committee.

h) Change the title of Section One, part four from “Organizational Governance” to “Organizational Guidance.”

Friends approved all of the proposed changes except those in Item 14c, concerning the proposed section on “Expectations of Local Meetings.” The Handbook Committee will consult with the Faith and Practice Committee concerning those proposed changes, some of which conflict with approved sections of ILYM *Faith and Practice*.

**Minute 15** We closed with worship.

#### **MINUTES OF SECOND SESSION, Thursday, June 16, 2011**

**Minute 16** We opened with worship.

**Minute 17** David Finke read an excerpt from a letter from George Fox.

**Minute 18** Reading Clerk Monica Tetzlaff read from an epistle from Netherlands Yearly Meeting.

**Minute 19** We held in the Light those Friends who were not able to be with us due to illness.

**Minute 20** We welcomed visitors from other yearly meetings: Earl Smith from Chicago Friends Meeting in Western Yearly Meeting; Paul Buckley from North Meadow Circle of Friends in Indianapolis, Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting; and Mary

Garman and David Garman from Clear Creek Meeting, Richmond, Indiana, Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting.

**Minute 21** We welcomed ILYM Friends who are here for the first time: Margaret Nelson from Evanston Meeting and Laurie Rippe from Downers Grove Meeting.

**Minute 22** Steve Kuhn, Noel Pavlovic, and Monica Tetzlaff (*ex-officio*) will serve as our Epistle Committee for 2011.

**Minute 23** The Nominating Committee asked the meeting to consider two names on the Nominating Committee report, Val Lester as Co-Treasurer and Fernando Freire on Ministry and Advancement, for immediate approval so that they may start to take up their duties during sessions. Friends approved.

**Minute 24** Sarah Pavlovic reported for the Nominating Committee. The committee is researching the possibility of increasing the number of Stewards from three to five.

**Minute 25** The Nominating Committee reported on some changes to the list of nominations since the first reading yesterday. These have been noted in the report in the session notebooks.

**Minute 26** The Associated Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs has been laid down. Grayce Mesner served as a representative to that body.

**Minute 27** Noel Pavlovic reported for the Environmental Concerns Committee (see p. 29). The committee continues to care for the ILYM grounds, including writing biographies of Friends for whom we have planted memorial trees on the grounds;

holding additional workdays to clean up the grounds; and hosting an early morning bird walk during sessions. The committee has planted specialized plants on the roof of the kitchen of the meetinghouse. This is an experimental project. The committee is also developing a holistic vision for the west campus and has a conceptual plan available for study which is being forwarded to the Site Envisioning Committee and for all to see.

**Minute 28** Several ILYM Friends are involved with Quaker Earthcare Witness activities and have been for many years. This fall the annual meeting of QEW will be in Chicago on October 20-23, 2011, at The Cenacle on Fullerton Ave. All Friends from Illinois Yearly Meeting are encouraged to attend. The theme will be “Food and Biodiversity”.

**Minute 29** Neil Mesner reported for the Maintenance and Planning Committee (M&P) (see p. 33). There were a number of maintenance issues this year. The biggest one was the waterline break in the kitchen of the meetinghouse. This will be part of the Stewards’ report.

**Minute 30** M&P reported on various other repairs that have been made to the Clear Creek House of Illinois Yearly Meeting and the yearly meetinghouse. These include an instant hot water heater added to the Clear Creek House where the committee also addressed the issue of water in the basement. Also, furnishings have been put into the Clear Creek House. These have enabled Friends to spend the night in the building. In the yearly meetinghouse improvements have been made to the hot water

heater closet and new supports were added under the floor of the entire building. A complete list of repairs is in the committee report.

**Minute 31** In the near future, M&P is planning to paint the east and south sides of the meetinghouse as well as to remove the water pumps and plumbing at the cistern south of the meetinghouse.

**Minute 32** Chip Rorem reported for Site Envisioning Committee (SEC) (see p. 44). The committee developed a set of queries for monthly meetings and ILYM committees. Eight meetings and four committees have responded. The committee is still asking for other meetings and committees to reply. From the replies received so far, there seems to be a need for building a dining hall and a new dormitory, demolishing some buildings, and creating a position of caretaker. The committee has been asked to incorporate more than just bricks and mortar into their plan.

**Minute 33** SEC has made a schedule of activities for next year including developing a plan for the integration of the work of different committees. There will be a preliminary presentation in January followed by one at annual sessions in 2012.

**Minute 34** Carol Bartles gave the Stewards' Report (see pp. 45-47).

**Minute 35** Along with routine maintenance, the Stewards dealt with the emergency of a broken water pipe that flooded the kitchen in the yearly meetinghouse for several days. Working with the insurance company, which paid for most of the repair, the Stewards were able to hire professionals to clean up the basement, make repairs to damage to the building, and purchase replacement equipment. A list of the work and expenses is in the written report (see p. 47).

**Minute 36** The Stewards are proposing that the yearly meeting form a Property Use Committee, a committee for one experimental year. This new committee would facilitate the use of the property by groups (Quaker or other) during the coming year including scheduling a local retreat manager for each event. More details are in their proposal (see p. 45). Friends offered some ideas from the floor of the meeting. This proposal was held over until later in the sessions (see minute 77, p. 15).

**Minute 37** Roger Laughlin gave the Co-Treasurers' Report. The report shows the income and expenses year-to-date. At the end of the fiscal year, June 30, the Co-Treasurers will update the report with final income and expenses. The updated report is on page 23. Friends accepted the report.

**Minute 38** Dawn Rubbert reported for the Peace Resources Committee (PRC) (see p. 42). The committee is planning the following work for the coming year, some of which is continued from last year:

- a) Travel to monthly meetings and worship groups to listen to concerns Friends have regarding difficulties working through conflict or to needs they might have as to how to deepen their relationship to the Peace Testimony.
- b) Give presentations and workshops as requested to facilitate Friends' explorations of their relationship to the Peace Testimony.
- c) Collect stories of Friends' expression of their Quaker spirituality through service.



- d) Review the document “An Ecumenical Call to Just Peace” released earlier this year by the World Council of Churches and circulate it throughout the yearly meeting.

**Minute 39** PRC raised the concern about the rising cost of travel for the committee members and asked that the yearly meeting adjust its budget accordingly.

**Minute 40** David Finke read a minute from Blue River Quarterly Meeting (BRQ) concerning the World Council of Churches document, *An Ecumenical Call to Just Peace*.

Minute 15 from Blue River Quarterly.

Friend Tom Paxson had shared with Friends the WCC document, *An Ecumenical Call to Just Peace*. He requested that we distribute the document widely for consideration. On behalf of the Peace & Service Committee of Urbana-Champaign Meeting Bobbi Trist had presented the concern to BRQ and read pertinent sections from the 7-page document. Dawn reported that this document was sent to BRQ Friends via email and that the ILYM Peace Resources Committee considered this statement at their meeting a few weeks ago and is encouraging Friends in the YM to read and consider this statement. It is, or soon will be, posted on both the ILYM website and the PRC blog.

We welcome the receipt of this document and are much appreciative of Friends’ influence on its development, particularly the diligent labors of Tom Paxson. BRQ Friends celebrated the growing

awareness that has led to its creation, and united with the spirit of this document, recommending it for study by individual Friends, monthly meetings, and by ILYM.

**Minute 41** The yearly meeting united with the request from BRQ and PRC that the document be disseminated and studied throughout the yearly meeting. During the coming year, PRC will act further on the issue, including the intention to have a workshop on it at next annual sessions.

**Minute 42** Judy Erickson reported for the Publications Committee (see p. 43).

**Minute 43** The committee published various documents in this past year, including the 2010 Minute Book which was of record length and therefore an increased cost. The committee also facilitated the change in the web page, using new software which should enhance usability. Friends are encouraged to browse the ILYM website and also look into the possibility for setting up private pages for committees or other work. See Wil Brant or Judy Erickson for more details. Friends accepted the report with gratitude.

**Minute 44** The Faith and Practice committee read the section on quarterly meetings and the sample membership record form (see page 61). They asked for comments on these in the coming year.

**Minute 45** We closed with worship.

### **MINUTES OF THE THIRD SESSION, Friday, June 17, 2011**

**Minute 46** We opened our session with worship. David Finke read a prayer, "Breathe on Me, Breath of God."

**Minute 47** Monica Tetzlaff read from an epistle from Australia Yearly Meeting.

**Minute 48** We welcomed Friends who are with us the first time: Cindy Vocat and Angie Thinnes, both attenders at 57<sup>th</sup> Street Meeting.

**Minute 49** Beth Schobernd reported for the Ad Hoc Committee for the Mills Property (see p. 29).

**Minute 50** The ad hoc Committee for the Mills Property was charged this year with creating guidelines for the use of the Clear Creek House of Illinois Yearly Meeting. Draft guidelines were posted on the ILYM website in February and made available to groups using the property in the spring. With each use, revisions were made to the guidelines. There are still areas that need to be finalized, but the document is nearing completion. The document, while evolving, is operative for current use of the property, and is available from our Administrative Coordinator.

**Minute 51** The ad hoc Committee feels that it has accomplished the tasks assigned to it. However, the documentation which the ad hoc Committee has prepared needs to be kept up-to-date, and that task must be assumed by some other body. They recommend that Maintenance and Planning take on that responsibility. While not acting on this recommendation, it will be reviewed again at Continuing Committee.

**Minute 52** The ad hoc Committee requests that it be laid down. Friends approved

with many thanks to the committee.

**Minute 53** Mike Dennis reported for Youth Oversight (see p. 48). The committee helped teens attend a number of Quaker events in various parts of the country during the past year. The yearly meeting youth also assisted in impressive numbers and with even more impressive industry at the Memorial Day Work Weekend. During the annual sessions they have been involved in various activities, including a Clerking workshop, and are planning their activities for the coming year.

**Minute 54** Youth Oversight calls attention to next year's Quaker Youth Pilgrimage, for both participants and leaders.

**Minute 55** Beth Schobernd reported for the Ministry and Advancement Committee (M&A) (see p. 34).

**Minute 56** M&A has been working on the following:

- a) In 2010 – 2011, M&A recognized a need for nurturing our nurturers. The committee created regional Days of Spiritual Sustenance, facilitated by Field Secretary Paul Buckley. Friends from several meetings were enriched by these gatherings. Seeing a great need to continue such work, especially among our smaller meetings, the committee is developing a program for the coming year. As described in the vision statement, M&A will expand on the Days of Spiritual Sustenance program especially to include pastoral care. Friends are encouraged to read the vision statement and bring questions to members of M&A in the outdoor tent following dinner tonight and tomorrow.

- b) Greg Woods has volunteered to help Friends and meetings get on Facebook and Twitter. Contact him at his email address for information. Friends, and especially Friends meetings, are encouraged to be a part of this communication process.
- c) Illinois Yearly Meeting has endorsed Beth Burbank and Carolyn Treadway as pastoral counselors and continues to value their ministries. The endorsement is ongoing; it is reviewed and affirmed by M&A annually.

**Minute 57** Paul Buckley gave the Field Secretary report (see p. 39). Friends are asked to read that report.

**Minute 58** Paul spoke of our great need to understand that we have obligations to each other as a community. Thinking of ourselves as rugged individuals and self-contained meetings has caused us to become isolated from each other. We need more interconnectedness, and this problem is greater than any Field Secretary can address. Paul challenged each of us and each of our meetings to create a stronger yearly meeting community.

**Minute 59** Paul will be laying down his service as Field Secretary sometime this autumn, sooner if a new Field Secretary can be engaged before then. Several Friends spoke the mind of the meeting in expressing our thanks to Paul for his service. We are reminded that Elias Hicks trusted that when he spoke the Spirit would be with him. Paul has brought this trust to us. He has also challenged us to become better Quakers. M&A selected him knowing that he had different talents from previous Field Secretaries, and it turned out that his gifts were exactly what we needed at this time. The insights that he gave to the M&A committee, as well as his work with our

monthly meetings, were truly Spirit-led.

**Minute 60** Neil Mesner, reporting for the Maintenance and Planning Committee, gave the full list of projects recommended for the coming year along with some approximate prices.

- Paint two sides of the yearly meetinghouse (approximately \$15,000).
- Remove water pumps and plumbing at the cistern on the south side of the meetinghouse (approximately \$350).
- Grade a path between the yearly meetinghouse and the Clear Creek House of Illinois Yearly Meeting (approximately \$500).
- Repair the low places in the septic field east of yearly meetinghouse (may cost \$200).
- Put in concrete entrances to the bath house (approximately \$500).
- Replace the oven, stove, and maybe a fan in the Clear Creek House (expected not to exceed \$5,000).
- Purchase chairs for the Clear Creek House (approximately \$6,000).

Friends approved.

**Minute 61** Judy Jager reported for the Finance Committee (see p. 32).

**Minute 62** The Finance Committee recommends adding Valerie Lester, Co-Treasurer (replacing former Co-Treasurer Roger Laughlin) to the authorization for

access to our safety deposit box at First State Bank in McNabb, Illinois. Friends approved.

**Minute 63** The Finance Committee recommends that the following people: Richard Ashdown, Steward; Dawn Amos, Co-Treasurer; and Valerie Lester, Co-Treasurer (replacing former Co-Treasurer Roger Laughlin) be authorized to exercise all powers listed in the resolutions with all banks with which we have accounts, including signing checks on behalf of Illinois Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends. Friends approved.

**Minute 64** The Finance Committee requested a change of registered agent for the State of Illinois from Roger Laughlin to Dawn Amos. Friends approved.

**Minute 65** Judy reviewed the Finance Committee activities of the year.

- a) An informal audit of the books was conducted by Ann Miller of Evanston Meeting and Elizabeth Mertic of Lake Forest/Evanston Meeting. They were reported to be in right order. This audit led to some changes in the way finances are reported to the yearly meeting. These changes are intended to render the reports more user-friendly.
- b) The Finance Committee welcomed members of the Ministry and Advancement Committee to its May 14 meeting to talk about the new vision the committee has for the yearly meeting and its implications for the budget. The committee was grateful to hear about the program well in advance of the time for budgeting. The committee also welcomed Noel Pavlovic on behalf of the Environmental Concerns Committee, who discussed committee travel and other financially-relevant matters with the Finance Committee earlier in the annual ses-

- daily relevant matters with the Finance Committee earlier in the annual sessions.
- c) The Finance Committee encourages Friends to attend the workshop about managing and archiving records during the afternoons of our sessions this year.
  - d) The yearly meeting continues to have some accounts in Urban Partnership Bank, which took control of the former South Shore Bank in an orderly takeover a year ago.
  - e) The Finance Committee is seeking clarity about ILYM properties in the form of written guidelines concerning the division of expenses and legal issues between the yearly meeting and Clear Creek Monthly Meeting.
  - f) The Review Committee, set up to review expenses 10% or more over the budget in any category, has been very active. Friends are encouraged to contact the committee if they need travel assistance for committee work that exceeds the budgeted amount. Friends are reminded of our travel policy, which is in the Handbook and the Minute Book.
  - g) The Finance Committee recommends that the new program based on the Vision Statement from Ministry & Advancement be appropriately funded this year through Illinois Yearly Meeting's Special Gifts Fund.
  - h) The committee senses that some meetings are experiencing unusual financial complexities. It is not this year requesting any formal increase in the expected contribution per Adult Resident Member (the ARM). Rather, Finance Committee is counting on the continued generosity of our monthly meetings to make the work of the Yearly Meeting possible.



**Minute 66** The Finance Committee reported that Roger Laughlin is stepping down as Co-Treasurer after this week. The committee requested that the following Minute of Appreciation be recorded:

For the past eleven years, and for an earlier term as well, Roger Laughlin served as Illinois Yearly Meeting Treasurer. For three to six meetings each year, he submitted financial reports based on our increasingly complex “cookie jar” system, tracking the operating budget and fifteen special funds. Roger evaluated and recorded all the income and expense transactions related to the Meetinghouse restoration, the moving of the Junior Yearly Meetinghouse, and conversion of the dormitory to summer cabins. He managed filing for our incorporation and tax exemption. With the assistance of his wife and our friend Jinny Laughlin, Roger communicated with donors, vendors and Friends doing volunteer work for the Yearly Meeting, assuring each transaction was handled correctly. (Jinny is not only Roger’s email expert, but also will lay a table for six drop-in guests – at 6 AM!) ILYM Friends fondly remember Roger’s precise engineer’s handwriting on reimbursement checks, and his appearance in a green shirt at annual sessions in front of the chalkboard with the operating budget, a presentation of Friendly simplicity. And, in addition to being accurate, dependable, speedy, and thorough, Roger Laughlin is wise, gentle, loving, and very good company. Illinois Yearly Meeting recognizes with love and gratitude the years of constancy and care provided by Roger and Jinny Laughlin, and we pray they will enjoy their retirement from this

Laughlin, and we pray they will enjoy their retirement from this service well done.

The Meeting approved the Minute of Appreciation with great enthusiasm and immense gratitude.

**Minute 67** Co-Treasurer Dawn Amos gave the first reading of the proposed budget for our operating fund for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. Significant changes from last year are as follows: increases in committee travel, decreases in representative travel, a decrease in funds allocated for deferred maintenance, a decrease in anticipated committee expenses, and a one-time donation to the World Conference of Friends Travel Fund. Funds previously allocated to the now-defunct Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs have been transferred to the new magazine, "The Quake," as seed money. Projected increases in travel and other funds for M&A's developing program will come from the Special Gifts Fund.

**Minute 68** Adrian Nelson, Dawn Rubbert, and Dawn Amos described the World Gathering of Friends to take place in Kenya in April, 2012. Friends who participated in past years gave testimony to their experiences. The yearly meeting will be sending four delegates—Mark Amos, Rose Dennis, Adrian Nelson, and Dawn Rubbert. There is an appeal to individuals to help financially to send participants to this gathering – not just from Illinois Yearly Meeting but also from around the world. Contributions can be made to Illinois Yearly Meeting and earmarked for the world conference.

**Minute 69** We closed with worship.

### **MINUTES FROM FOURTH SESSION, Saturday, June 18, 2011**

**Minute 70** We opened with worship after our memorial meeting for worship.

**Minute 71** David Finke spoke of the joy of our fellowship.

**Minute 72** Monica Tetzlaff read excerpts from an epistle from Intermountain Yearly Meeting.

**Minute 73** We welcomed visitors who were with us for first time, including Heather Evert from Bloomington-Normal Meeting.

**Minute 74** Sarah Pavlovic, Clerk of the Nominating Committee, expressed gratitude to those who have served in the past year and those who agreed to serve in the next year. She presented changes to the final list of Friends to be serving the yearly meeting in the coming year (see p. 110-115). Friends approved.

**Minute 75** The Nominating Committee in consultation with the Stewards is continuing to explore how many Stewards we should appoint and will report to the yearly meeting at the Fall Continuing Committee meeting.

**Minute 76** Dawn Amos added the following information to the budget presented yesterday. The Finance Committee is anticipating some releases from our designated funds in the coming year, including those releases mentioned earlier for Ministry and Advancement to fund their new programs. Dawn read the amounts that the Finance Committee projects will be in these designated funds at the end of the next fiscal year. The meeting reviewed the operating budget and these anticipated expenses in our designated funds (see p. 26-28). Friends approved.

**Minute 77** The Stewards had previously brought a proposal for a Property Use Committee (see p. 45). The yearly meeting has a shared concern with the Stewards about the good administration of the property. A number of questions were raised and suggestions were made about this proposal. Friends are encouraged to send other concerns and suggestions to the Stewards and Presiding Clerk. The proposal is referred back to the Stewards for further seasoning in consultation with other committees and the Presiding Clerk. A new proposal or progress report may be brought to Continuing Committee for action.

**Minute 78** Elizabeth Mertic, a member of the Ad Hoc Committee to Study Volunteer Concerns, gave some information about volunteer service following up on minutes 68 – 70 from 2010 sessions. The ad hoc committee made a report to the Fall Continuing Committee. The committee subsequently sent queries to monthly meetings. Only a few meetings responded to these queries. Some monthly meetings are willing to try again to respond to the queries during the coming year. The ad hoc committee offered to resend the queries and continue to meet for one more year. Friends approved extending their term of service. The committee will make a report at a Continuing Committee meeting and the next annual sessions.

**Minute 79** David Finke read a minute from Blue River Quarterly Meeting which referred to a minute from St. Louis Meeting concerning the pension fund, TIAA-CREF. The company, which claims to make socially-responsible investment for pensions, invests in companies that make weapons and equipment used against Palestinians, including Veolia, Elbit, Caterpillar, Motorola Solutions, and Northrop Grum-

man. The St. Louis Meeting minute asks the American Friends Service Committee, which has employee pension funds in TIAA-CREF, to put pressure on the firm not to invest in these companies. Dawn Rubbert read the minute from St. Louis Meeting (see p 67).

**Minute 80** The yearly meeting asks our representatives to AFSC to bring back information from the AFSC annual meeting concerning the issue outlined above. Additionally, the yearly meeting unites with the request from Blue River Quarterly that our Presiding Clerk send a letter from the yearly meeting to AFSC asking that AFSC approach TIAA-CREF to strongly urge that they divest from companies noted in the St. Louis Minute.

**Minute 81** The Fall Continuing Committee meeting will be on November 5, 2011. St. Louis Meeting has graciously agreed to host the meeting.

**Minute 82** We ended this session with worship.

#### **MINUTES OF THE FIFTH SESSION, Sunday, June 19, 2011**

**Minute 83** We began our session, joined by our young Friends, in worship.

**Minute 84** We heard outgoing reports and epistles from the 3-5 year olds, 6-7 year olds, 8-11 year olds, Middle School Friends, High School Friends, and Adult Young Friends (see pp. 19-21).

**Minute 85** The Epistle Committee read the epistle to be sent from Illinois Yearly Meeting to other yearly meetings (see p. 18). Friends approved with gratitude.

**Minute 86** The Exercises Committee read the exercises, a description of our annual sessions (see p. 17). Friends accepted. This will be in our minute book and sent to *Friends Journal*.

**Minute 87** We ended our 137<sup>th</sup> annual sessions with worship and in anticipation of the annual Plummer Lecture.

**REGISTRATION REPORT FOR ILYM 2011**

TOTAL REGISTRATION: 185

REGISTRATION BY QUARTER:

Blue River	48 Adults		
	19 Young Friends	Total:	67
Chicago North	51 Adults		
	5 Young Friends	Total:	56
Chicago South	37 Adults		
	10 Young Friends	Total:	47
Other	12 Adults		
	3 Young Friends	<u>Total:</u>	<u>15</u>
			185

Housing: 71 camped, 28 stayed in cabins, 14 stayed in Clear Creek House, 11 stayed in the High School "bunkhouse", and 61 used motels or local housing.

## EXERCISES

Illinois Yearly Meeting of Friends (ILYM) met for annual sessions June 15-19. The theme for this year's session was "As Way Opens: Discerning our Path Forward in the Light." This theme provided a focus for our daily worship sharing, workshops, and evening programs.

On Wednesday, Mary Garman, visiting from Earlham College and Clear Creek Monthly Meeting of Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting, told the stories of four "quietly rambunctious" Quakers, past and present. She expressed the idea that "if it brings you into trouble, it will bring you out again".

Friends shared their creative gifts Thursday evening with poetry, music, and dramatic performance. Jinny Laughlin led us in two hymns that she had written for her meeting, one to accompany a poem by Winnefred Mayne. Pam Timme shared a poem about arriving at ILYM. Phyllis Reynolds read poems by herself, Phyllis Berentsen, and Mariellen Gilpin. Sondra Sula shared several poems, including one about touching Jesus' toes. Brad Laird shared three poems written by Tom Forsythe. Margaret Nelson led us in singing songs of her own composition. Finally, we were visited by Elias Hicks, as performed by Paul Buckley.

On Friday evening, we enjoyed the traditional dancing on the front lawn. We were blessed with dry weather throughout the evening, although storms seemed imminent. From the youngest to the oldest Friend, we enjoyed the chance to have fun as a community.

Our Saturday speaker was Vanessa Julye, a visiting Friend from Friends General Conference and Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, who discarded her prepared remarks and spoke from a leading instead. She described her personal journey that has led to

her Ministry on Racism, and challenged us to make our own meetings more welcoming to newcomers. Her parable of Mr. Elephant visiting Mr. Giraffe's house sparked much reflection and discussion.

The annual Plummer lecture was given by Dick Ashdown. The meeting was grateful to hear his spiritual journey.

The younger Friends also had a Spirit-filled weekend. During the morning, they explored discernment through singing, construction of a labyrinth, visits from a storyteller and a drummer, and other activities. They also enjoyed swimming, crafts, a hayride, and a campfire. The high school Friends' activities included a high ropes course, a workshop on clerking, and a query-writing activity.

For the first year, Friends were able to sleep in the newly refurbished and refurnished Clear Creek House. We held a celebration there Friday afternoon, enjoying the space and also cake. The Environmental Concerns Committee contributed a vision for integrating the new property, although the Meeting continues to discern the ultimate use of the property.

During the business session, the Ministry and Advancement Committee presented a vision for next year and years to come. They have developed programs to improve pastoral care in the Meetings by nurturing the nurturers and increasing support between the Monthly Meetings. We are enthusiastic to see what develops from these programs as we continue to discern our way forward.

-Respectfully submitted by Eva Hare and Ted Kuhn



## EPISTLES

### 2011 Illinois Yearly Meeting Epistle

Dear Friends everywhere,

Illinois Yearly Meeting gathered as the full moon's light shone on the Midwest cornfields, symbolizing the divine illumination from which we seek guidance and sustenance. During Sixth month, the 137<sup>th</sup> annual session met near McNabb, Illinois, with the theme "As Way Opens: Discerning Our Path Forward in the Light".

We welcomed Mary Garman, Professor of Religion at Earlham College, whose lecture "If it brings you into trouble, it will bring you out again": The paradoxes of a Quietly rambunctious Quaker" showed us examples of earlier Friends who followed their spiritual leadings even into difficult, dangerous situations. In their deepest despair, they experienced their most powerful leadings that brought them beyond their troubles. We were inspired by their courage and faith.

We sought a path forward on addressing the issue of racism, with the help of Vanessa Juley, a Friend from Central Philadelphia Monthly Meeting and coordinator for the Friends General Conference Committee on Nurturing Ministries, Ministry on Racism. In her workshops, Friends listened to the Light of other Friends' experiences on how to engage Monthly Meetings with the book, *Fit for Freedom, Not for Friendship: Quakers, African Americans and the Myth of Racial Justice*, and its accompanying study guide. Many generations combined to make a large workshop entitled "Engaging in a Conversation on Racism." Friend Vanessa facilitated our loving listening on this often awkward, but important topic.

In her evening address, Vanessa shared her spiritual journey and led us in exercises

on the subject of barriers to welcoming people of color and other issues of diversity. Her elegant story about the giraffe trying to welcome the elephant into his home was deeply moving to Friends. It illustrated the structures that we take for granted and the need to overcome them with love and welcome for our neighbors. The Spirit led us as we considered ways to take action in our Monthly Meetings.

At our previous yearly meeting, we rejoiced in the new property that we had acquired adjacent to our yearly meeting campus. We seek to make this place a refuge for wildlife and for our spirits. Although the management of our property can be complicated, and, at times, frustrating, we conducted our business in a spirit of gratitude for this new property. We waited in silence in Meeting for Business to discern the way forward in love.

Through worship sharing we learned about each other's personal experiences of the nature of the Divine and of the way opening. In an evening program, Friends shared their Light through the creativity of original poetry read aloud at a worshipful pace, music, and dramatization. We welcomed this different kind of opportunity to hear Friends and what inspires them.

These sessions remind us that we can trust our Quaker process to find divine guidance and our community to give us support. We pray you can remove any barriers in finding your way forward.

In Light and love,  
Illinois Yearly Meeting

### **Epistle of the Illinois Yearly Meeting Adult Young Friends**

Dear Friends Everywhere,

How are you? Really, what have you been thinking about lately? This year at ILYM our theme was “As Way Opens: Discerning Our Path Forward in the Light”. At our retreat in January we discerned that we want to better integrate with the wider community of Friends. With this in mind, we decided to stay on campus, sign up for more ILYM volunteer jobs, give a greater showing in business meeting, participate in more ILYM workshops, and attend more lectures.

At times we had difficulty conversing with older Friends. We overcame this thanks to meals and overtures from individual Friends.

We participated in many of the workshops, including: “Support for the Journey: An Aging and Saging Group at Downers Grove,” “To ponder well the paths of my feet’: Journaling and life in the Spirit,” “Grief and Grieving,” “Emily Greene Balch: Bridge Builder to Peace, Women, and Internationalism,” “Engaging in Conversation on Racism,” and “Getting our Final Wishes on Paper.” We also enjoyed speakers Mary Garman, a Quiet rambunctious Friend, and Vanessa Julye, who shared some of her spiritual journey and experiences as a woman of color in Friends Meetings and urged Friends to bring awareness of this difference of experience back to their monthly meetings.

We made connections during worship sharing and the celebration of the purchase of a new building.

Amongst ourselves our fellowship was nurtured by walks up and down Quaker Lane. On one walk we saw a “moon-bow” (like a rainbow, except at night) and on another we made a cuddle puddle at the Friends cemetery.

At our Saturday business Meeting we approved Stephen Kuhn as co-clerk of the Adult Young Friends (AYF) and approved Christopher Earp continuing as co-clerk. We also approved Alethea Tschetterwood as recording clerk.

As we reflected on the growth of our group, we were reminded how four years ago many AYF simply sat on the Meeting House porch together and we are now much more involved with the rest of ILYM. We intend to work on further integrating ourselves with ILYM.

We look forward to our August and January tsunamis. We also would enjoy hearing from you.

In the Light,  
ILYM AYF

### **Epistle of the Illinois Yearly Meeting High School Friends**

Dear Friends,

To begin our Quaker adventure, we gathered on Wednesday with hugs and happiness. We met for a brief rules meeting on the lawn where we were told that we have to abstain from sex and drugs, but rock and roll is a-okay.

On Thursday, though we woke up late for breakfast due to an unfortunate miscommunication, we participated in a clerking workshop led by Javaughn Fernanders where we learned of the intricacies and subtleties of clerking. That afternoon, we inadvertently missed our afternoon business meeting because we all fell asleep for a wonderful two and a half hour nap after we had facials that were an attempt to raise money to send five of us to FGC. We awoke for dinner. As a group, we volunteered

our services to the kitchen and dining room, and spent many hours washing dishes. After the chores were done, we conducted a business meeting where we discussed the fall quaker that will take place in St. Louis, a public display of affection minute, and discerned that Liz Anderson will be the new senior clerk, Marguerite Daw will be the recording clerk, and Claire Goode will be the treasurer.

The next day, we had a query workshop led by Javaughn where we each wrote a query based on the testimonies and we responded during worship sharing. A wonderful sheep metaphor was brought up and applied itself for many jokes later. In the afternoon, we joined older Friends in the enjoyment of a workshop on a discussion of racism led by Vanessa Julye. That night, we put our dancing shoes on, and promptly took them off, to square dance with everyone and enjoy watermelon on the lawn.

Early on Saturday, we stumbled out of bed to make it to breakfast on time and be ready to leave on our out-trip. We went to Camp Menno Haven where we participated in team-building activities in which we had to work on communication, teamwork, growth, and safety. We also completed the high ropes course which involved a zip line, tight ropes, and a telephone pole called the Leap of Faith. We climbed the pole, stood and turned around, and then ultimately jumped for a rope with a bell. Facing fears, personal growth, and swatting bugs were common activities throughout the day. We came back exhausted and devoured by insects, but satisfied with ourselves and our positive group dynamic. Late night on Saturday, we went for a walk, ate pizza, played Wink, and wrote this epistle.

This year we say good-bye to Mason George, Sara Raffensperger, and Emily Wills as they move on to another chapter of their lives and prepare themselves for the adventure of college.

Peace and love.

ILYM High School Friends

Mason George, Sara Raffensperger, Delia Amos, Sean Robey, Nate Howenstine,  
Claire Goode, Murphy Beattie, Gabe Meyer-Lee, Liz Anderson

### **Epistle of the Illinois Yearly Meeting Middle School Young Friends**

To Friends Everywhere,

The theme of Illinois Yearly Meeting for 2011 was “As Way Opens: Discerning Our Path Forward in the Light.” We worked together to build a labyrinth that looked like a simple design. We learned how complex the labyrinth was and how much work it took for the outside to look simpler.

We had heard the story of Theseus and Ariadne, and we liked how Ariadne was a hero. We noticed that spiders were in our labyrinth and that the labyrinth took on a spider-web shape. It was interesting how the labyrinth seemed to choose its own shape, even though we were working from a traditional design. Maybe God shapes our pathways for us, too.

We invited the younger kids to walk the labyrinth. Many of them did not fully appreciate the labyrinth, but two of the youngest kids especially seemed to enjoy the center. From the outside, it looked like a spiral and you would never change direction. But on the inside, it veered in twists and turns, and just when you were near the center, your path would take you toward the outside again.

We weren't really sure it would lead us to the middle. It was like doing a Trust Walk with our labyrinth. When you did get to the center, you could feel a sense of

peace and accomplishment, being closer to God. It was like you could feel the Light shining within you.

From the Illinois Yearly Meeting Junior High Class:

Kaleigh, Amal, Marlena & Laure

### **Epistle of the Illinois Yearly Meeting 8-9 Year Olds**

Dear Young Friends,

We hope you are having a good meeting.

We are eight young Friends, age eight to eleven, and four grown-ups. Some of us have been friends for years. We love dynamite, video games, action, bowling, giving people nicknames, dance, playing in the sandbox, the Cubs and Bears, going bare-foot, being dirty, acting like a monkey, and going down slides.

Our theme was Finding Our Path and Walking It.

We made guidelines about being responsible, being caring, being respectful, helping each other when we have problems, and not making people feel bad.

We found that some of us don't like to stick together. We had a treasure hunt – following clues – and some of us wanted to run ahead.

We learned that we can find our path by listening to our hearts.

We traced our bodies on paper.

We played the Blob Game, to get unity. We played Red Light, Green Light.

We heard from Bill, Alice and Zoe.

In the Light,

Henry, Kiran, Kiva, Daniel, Liam, Nathan, Quinn, and Ryan

Greetings from the ILYM 6-7 year olds.

Each day we met with all the F.U.N. (Friends Under Nineteen) kids for songs near the playground. Then our group went to our tent and played games and read stories.

Our theme “As Way Opens: Our Path Forward in the Light” appeared in all nine books we read. Our favorite books include *Let’s Go Camping With Mr. Sillypants*, *Heckedy Peg*, *Cinderella’s Rat*, and *Little Red Riding Hood*.

Our first day, we discussed being oneself and different ways we get help making decisions. We learned how to make paper fortune-tellers and started a collaborative drawing of what we do when we have difficult choices.

Our second day concentrated on choosing to do “the next right thing” and our path forward. We read more stories and walked the labyrinth the middle school Young Friends constructed from rope. We also made fans to blow away the pesky gnats and worked on our collaborative drawing.

Our third day we discussed what is meant by “in the Light.” We gathered with all the F.U.N. kids to be captivated by a story-teller and musician duo who told wonderful stories that shed light on our inner Light. At our tent we read more stories and played more tag. We discovered that Little Red Riding Hood could have followed her inner Light rather than obeying either her mother or the wolf, that sometimes we just need to make our own decisions regardless of pressures from those around us.

We are Anya, Ethan, Faith, Heidi, Jasmine, and Priya.



Illinois Yearly Meeting  
Monthly Meeting Contributions FY11

Bloomington-Normal	1,842.00
Clear Creek	5,000.00
Columbia	2,900.00
Downers Grove	6,960.00
Duneland	1,950.00
Evanston	16,440.00
57th Street	2,000.00
Lake Forest	16,000.00
Milwaukee	1,200.00
Northside	1,000.00
Oak Park	3,120.00
Oshkosh	100.00
Rock Valley	960.00
Rolla	200.00
South Bend	5,760.00
Southern Illinois	1,400.00
Spoon River	1,680.00
St. Louis	15,840.00
Upper Fox Valley	1,500.00
Urbana-Champaign	6,720.00

**TRAVEL POLICY**

Friends are not to be hindered from traveling on IYM business as official representatives or committee members due to lack of funds. However, in view of the limited amount of funds available in the budget for this purpose, the Travel Fund should be used according to the following guidelines:

1. Requests for travel funds should be made well in advance to the Treasurer.
2. The amount to be advanced or reimbursed is based on the current IRS business rate per automobile mile (50 cents per mile in 2010) or reasonable commercial fares. Friends are encouraged to be prudent.
3. Conference registration fees may be reimbursed.
4. Any ordinary expenses for food or lodging may be reimbursed.
5. Questions of travel reimbursement for committee business should be cleared through that committee in advance of the travel and reported to the Treasurer.
6. Friends World Committee for Consultation Triennial travel will be handled from its own fund.

**RECOMMENDED ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION**

PER ADULT RESIDENT MEMBER

IS \$240.

**Illinois Yearly Meeting**  
**Statement of Financial Position/Balance Sheet**  
**June 30, 2011**

	<b>To Date</b>	<b>Opening</b>
	<b>6/30/2011</b>	<b>Balance</b>
		<b>7/1/2010</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash		
Checking Account	59,859.19	19,438.50
Certificates of Deposit	16,221.88	29,241.38
Friends Meetinghouse Fund	10,000.00	10,000.00
Money Market Fund	65,070.95	65,335.17
Total Cash	151,152.02	124,015.05
Undeposited funds	312.34	
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>151,464.36</b>	<b>124,015.05</b>

**Liabilities**

Loans from Individuals	1,000.00	1,000.00
Accounts Payable	3,570.21	
Total Liabilities	<u>4,570.21</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Unrestricted Undesignated	27,464.86	39,531.21
Unrestricted Designated	90,049.39	83,483.84
Restricted	<u>29,379.90</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>146,894.15</u>	<u>123,015.05</u>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	<u><u>151,464.36</u></u>	<u><u>124,015.05</u></u>

Note: Because it is difficult to appraise, the value of the McNabb site (land and buildings) is omitted from the Assets section of this report. An additional tract including six acres with a house and outbuildings was purchased June 2009.

**Early Meeting**  
**of Fund Activity**  
**7/1/2010 - 6/30/2011**

					Balance 6/30/11
Item	Expenses	Budgeted Transfers	Other Transfers		
06.50	(96,502.85)	(16,500.00)	(11,270.00)		27,464.86
00.00	(7,946.43)				22,725.54
0.00	0.00				36,000.00
88.00	(3,600.00)	2,000.00			4,188.00
00.00	(31,046.02)	14,500.00	11,270.00		27,135.85
79.90	0.00				29,379.90
74.40	(139,095.30)	0.00	0.00		146,894.15

1,000.00  
 3,570.21  


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 151,464.36

Illinois Year  
Statement of  
For the period 7

Balance  
6/30/10

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<b>ASSETS</b>		
UNRESTRICTED		
1. General Operating	39,531.21	112,219.97
DESIGNATED		
2. Special Gifts	21,171.97	9,500.00
3. Payroll Reserves	36,000.00	1,800.00
4. FWCC World Meetings	3,900.00	1,800.00
5. Deferred Maintenance	22,411.87	10,000.00
RESTRICTED		
6. Property Improvement	0.00	29,300.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>123,015.05</b>	<b>162,919.97</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Loans from Individuals	1,000.00	
Accounts Payable	0.00	
<b>TOTAL CASH</b>	<b>124,015.05</b>	

Committee

organize our annual budget.

dicted contributions, used for special projects.

payroll only during unexpected financial circumstances.

ance to ILYM's reps to FWCC world gatherings.

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ite maintenance, repair & upgrade projects.

visioning with Development

w building projects.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Oversight</u>
<b>1</b>	<b>General Operating</b> Our general operating fund, where we	Finance
<b>2</b>	<b>Special Gifts</b> A reserve fund to receive larger unrestr	Finance
<b>3</b>	<b>Payroll Reserves</b> A reserve fund that would be used for p	Finance
<b>4</b>	<b>FWCC World Meetings</b> A reserve fund to provide travel assista	Finance
<b>5</b>	<b>Deferred Maintenance</b> Used to save for and pay for irregular s	Maintena
<b>6</b>	<b>Property Improvement</b> Restricted by donors to be used for new	Site Envis



**Illinois Yearly Meeting  
Operating Budget 2011-2012**

	<b>11-12 Anticipated</b>	10-11 Actual	10-11 Budget
Income			
Contributions from Meetings	<b>92,000</b>	92,572	95,000
Contributions from Individuals	<b>4,000</b>	5,173	4,500
Gatherings & Retreats	<b>14,000</b>	12,905	16,000
Fundraisers	<b>0</b>	225	0
Interest	<b>1,300</b>	1,332	1,500
Total Income	<b>111,300</b>	112,207	117,000
Expenses			
Operating			
Personnel (Payroll, Staff Travel, Office) <sup>1</sup>	<b>(45,000)</b>	(44,128)	(45,000)
YM Travel Support <sup>2</sup>	<b>(7,000)</b>	(6,421)	(7,500)
Gatherings & Retreats	<b>(13,000)</b>	(15,024)	(15,000)
Site (Facilities & Deferred Maint) <sup>3</sup>	<b>(24,500)</b>	(29,113)	(26,900)
Committees <sup>4</sup>	<b>(10,500)</b>	(8,217)	(12,500)
Support to Others <sup>5</sup>	<b>(11,300)</b>	(10,100)	(10,100)
Total Expenses	<b>(111,300)</b>	(113,003)	(117,000)
Budget Surplus (Deficit)	<b>0</b>	(796)	0

**Expense Line Item Details**

<b>(1) Personnel</b>			
Salaries & Payroll	<b>(39,500)</b>	(39,692)	(39,500)
Staff Travel	<b>(4,500)</b>	(3,332)	(4,500)
Office	<b>(1,000)</b>	(1,104)	(1,000)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(45,000)</b>	(44,128)	(45,000)
<b>(2) YM Travel Support</b>			
ILYM Committee Travel	<b>(2,500)</b>	(2,242)	(2,000)
ILYM Reps Travel	<b>(2,500)</b>	(2,179)	(3,500)
Transfer to <i>FWCC World Meetings</i> Travel	<b>(2,000)</b>	(2,000)	(2,000)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(7,000)</b>	(6,421)	(7,500)
<b>(3) Site</b>			
<u>Annual Facilities Expenses (Oversight: Stewards)</u>			
Insurance	<b>(4,900)</b>	(4,818)	(4,800)
Repairs	<b>(1,200)</b>	(1,243)	(1,200)
Landscaping	<b>(3,300)</b>	(4,085)	(3,300)
Annual services (inspections, winterizing)	<b>(1,500)</b>	(1,301)	(1,200)
Utilities	<b>(2,100)</b>	(3,165)	(1,900)
Facilities Total	<b>(13,000)</b>	(14,613)	(12,400)
<u>Deferred Maintenance (Oversight: M&amp;P)</u>			
Transfer to <i>Deferred Maintenance</i> Fund	<b>(11,500)</b>	(14,500)	(14,500)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(24,500)</b>	(29,113)	(26,900)

**IYM 2011-2012 Operating Budget - Expense Line Item  
Details**

	<b>11-12 Anticipated</b>	10-11 Actual	10-11 Budget
<b>(4) Committees</b>			
Ad hoc	(50)	(15)	(50)
Development	(200)		
Environmental Concerns	(200)	(257)	(450)
Faith & Practice	(150)	0	(200)
Finance	(100)	(212)	(100)
Handbook	(50)	0	(100)
Maintenance & Planning	(200)	(156)	(200)
Ministry & Advancement	(400)	(444)	(1,450)
Nominating	(400)	(258)	(400)
Peace Resources	(350)	(143)	(850)
Peace Tax Fund	(50)	0	(50)
Personnel	(300)	0	(300)
Publications	(4,800)	(4,116)	(4,800)
QVSTWC		0	(50)
Religious Education	(450)	(38)	(500)
Site Envisioning	(300)	(78)	(500)
Youth Oversight	(2,500)	(2,500)	(2,500)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(10,500)</b>	<b>(8,217)</b>	<b>(12,500)</b>

**(5) Support to Others**

Pastoral Aid

Ken Ives Fund (Oversight: QVSTWC)

0                      0                      0

Sufferings (Oversight: M&A)

0                      0                      0

Sufferings (Oversight: M&A)	0	0	0
ILYM Quaker Youth Pilgrims (1-time Summer 2010)	0	(800)	(800)
<u>Quaker organizations to which ILYM assigns representatives</u>			
Friends General Conference (FGC)	(4,000)	(4,000)	(4,000)
Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC)	(2,000)	(2,000)	(2,000)
World Conference of Friends Travel Fund (1-time)	(2,000)		
American Friends Service Cmte. (AFSC)	(400)	(400)	(400)
Friends Cmte. on Natl Legislation Edu. Fund (FCNL)	(400)	(400)	(400)
Friends Peace Teams (FPT)	(300)	(300)	(300)
Assoc. Cmte./Friends on Indian Affairs (ACFIA)		(250)	(250)
Quaker Earthcare Witness (QEW)	(250)	(250)	(250)
Friends for Lesbian & Gay Concerns (FLGBTQC)	(50)	(50)	(50)
<u>Regional Quaker educational institutions</u>			
Chicago Friends School (CFS)	(300)	(300)	(300)
Scattergood School	(200)	(200)	(200)
Earlham College	(200)	(200)	(200)
Earlham School of Religion (ESR)	(100)	(100)	(100)
Olney Friends School	(100)	(100)	(100)
Right Sharing of World Resources (RSWR)	(300)	(300)	(300)
Project Lakota	(200)	(200)	(200)
Quake Magazine (1-time FY12)	(250)		
Friends Journal	(200)	(200)	(200)
Quaker United Nations Office (QUONO)	(50)	(50)	(50)
<u>Total</u>	<u>(11,300)</u>	<u>(10,100)</u>	<u>(10,100)</u>

**Illinois Yearly Meeting Fiscal Year 2012  
Anticipated Releases from Designated Funds (Approximate)**

**Special Gifts**

Reserve for remaining property triangle	\$5,000 - \$7,000
Ministry & Advancement new projects	\$4,700
Clear Creek House meeting room chairs	\$6,000

**6/30/12 Ending Balance Approx.** **5,000 - \$7,000**

**FWCC World Meetings, 2012 World Conference**

ILYM Delegate Travel	\$4,300
Travel Support for World Friends	\$2,750 - \$3,000

**6/30/12 Ending Balance (after budgeted transfers)** **\$0**

**Deferred Maintenance**

Paint 2 sides of Meetinghouse	\$15,000
Remove plumbing and top for cistern	\$350
Grade path between meetinghouses	\$500
Repair low places in septic field	\$200
Concrete entrances to bathhouse	\$500

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Replace oven, stove, fan at Clear Creek House	\$5,000

<b>6/30/12 Ending Balance Approx. (after budgeted transfers)</b>	<b>\$21,200</b>
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## **ANNUAL REPORTS**

### **YEARLY MEETING COMMITTEES**

#### **AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE MILLS PROPERTY (See Minutes 49-52)**

The ad hoc Committee for the Mills Property was charged this year with creating guidelines for the use of the Clear Creek House of Illinois Yearly Meeting. We met via conference call in August and outlined what would be included in those guidelines, dividing the work among ourselves. Considerable work was done via email to create the guidelines. Draft guidelines were posted on the ILYM website in February and made available to groups using the property in the spring. Those groups included Environmental Concerns, Women's Weekend and Work Weekend. With each use, revisions were made to the guidelines. The latest draft is on the website. There are still areas that need to be finalized, but the document is nearing completion.

The ad hoc Committee feels that it has accomplished the tasks assigned to it. The Clear Creek House and the remainder of the Mills Property are no longer "special" or "new," and the usage, planning, maintenance, etc. issues should be incorporated into the rest of campus. However, the documentation the ad hoc Committee has prepared needs to be kept up to date and that task must be assumed by some other body. Our recommendation would be that Maintenance and Planning take on that responsibility. With the resolution of this one issue, the ad hoc Committee requests that we be laid down.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS (See Minute 27)**

The Environmental Concerns Committee (ECC) continues to care for the ILYM

grounds at the Illinois Yearly Meetinghouse. This past year we have drafted biographies of dear Friends who are no longer with us for future use with memorial trees on the grounds. We held two work retreats at ILYM in October of 2010 and April of 2011. We have cut up fallen tree branches, removed invasive species and problem tree saplings, and assisted with memorial tree planting. We are investigating the idea of a mini bioblitz on the ILYM grounds. We will be hosting an early morning bird walk on Saturday morning at yearly meeting. In addition, we have accomplished two significant tasks over the past year:

1. **Green roof:** At the annual work weekend on May 28, we constructed a prototype green roof above the kitchen that extends the length of the roof and extends about three feet upslope from the roof edge. Trial plantings included two species of *Sedum*, violets, and *Allium* species. We will be evaluating the survival and spread of the plants over the summer. We consider this an experimental planting. We utilized four types of trays, constructed wooden trays: 24 by 24 inch plastic trays, smaller plastic trays, and styrofoam tree planting trays. Under the trays we installed a 20 mil butyl rubber layer to protect the roof. Within the trays we installed layers of landscape fabric to reduce root penetration below the trays. Be such to check out the green roof and ask any members of ECC questions that you might have.

2. **Vision for the new property grounds.** At our April work day, we developed a conceptual vision of the new property to facilitate future development and our ongoing landscape development work. The proposal has been sent to Site Envisioning Committee for their consideration in response to their site vision solicitation. Our vision includes prairie meadows for wildlife, removal of the long shed, the develop-



ment of a Friends Memorial Worship Grove north of the long shed, and a narrow lane that connects the west campus from the Meetinghouse grounds.

The following text was presented at the annual sessions of ILYM in June along with a Property Vision which is available on the website at [www.ilym.org/content/2011-annual-sessions](http://www.ilym.org/content/2011-annual-sessions). This report was presented to let Friends know about progress being made in the site envisioning process. These are meant to assist site envisioning and maintenance and planning committees in their work and have not been adopted by the yearly meeting. ECC hopes this will help expedite the official site envisioning proposal in the next year.

#### **ECC ILYM CAMPUS CONCEPTUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

The Environmental Concerns Committee (ECC) is concerned about the holistic planning for the Illinois Yearly Meeting Campus (ILYMC) because our ongoing and future work is dependent on that vision. For example we have had recent requests for memorial trees, but cannot proceed unless we have a clear vision where they might grow. In that interest, the ECC developed the following conception for the future ILYMC as an island refuge for wildlife and the Spirit. This concept plan is based on two years of seasoning, in spoken, written and drawn form, and was discerned during a sharing session on April 16 in the dining room of the Clear Creek House (CCH). We believe there should be more habitat for wildlife on our island refuge, just as the Meeting House is a refuge for our spirits. We provide below a general temporal and spatial conception of the site, between the ILYM Meeting House and the west end of the property, not including the campground across Quaker Lane. We propose that the projects be initiated in the following order.

1. As a first phase, we believe that the long shed needs to be removed, and the building and materials to be recycled. We believe that the removal will create a visual and spiritual view between the Clear Creek House (CCH) meeting for worship room and dining room and the Illinois Yearly Meeting House (ILYMH). Much of the space opened up by the removal of the long shed would create an alternate recreation space for young Friends (YF) that would be utilized when worship, meetings for business, or lectures in the ILYMH necessitated quiet periods on the main recreational front lawn.

We were less clear about whether the shop at the west end of the long shed should be retained or removed, since it has utilities running to it, and could be a useful work or storage space. We conceive that if the shop were removed, the concrete slab could be retained with the possibility of using it for a small open pavilion (pergola), consisting of a roof over the slab, supported by pillars or posts. While preserving views in all four directions, it would provide an outdoor space protected from sun or rain, for eating or activities. This would be on the south portion of the slab, to maintain the view from the CCH dining room to the ILYMH.

Connecting the CCH with the ILYMH would be a narrow lane connecting the driveway loops, suitable for pedestrians and also along which an electric golf cart or carts could transport Friends in need between each location. This lane would be south of the existing long shed.

The large silver maple on the east side of CCH should be removed because it is a hazard and it blocks the view shed from the CCH dining room; however, one Friend wishes the tree could be retained.

2. We believe that all the storage and maintenance places and functions could be wisely moved to the area of the machine shed that the local farmer is using and the dairy barn on the west end of the old barn. We recommend that the shed (former milk house) in disrepair on the north side of the dairy barn be removed.
3. We propose that the area west of the current prairie, north of the long shed, and east of the CCH be used to create a Friends Memorial Worship Grove, with trees, sheltered contemplative spots, benches, and meandering trails. Existing nonnative and nuisance tree species would be removed as we develop the specific plans for this space. This would make a green space that extends along the road between the CCH and the ILYMH.
4. To make an environment suitable for wildlife and reduce considerably our mowing of the lawn, we propose a strip of prairie extending westward from the southwest corner of the ILYMH to beyond the southwest side of the old barn. The prairie would then turn right (north) to proceed north on the west side of the property to the paved road. North of the old barn and dairy shed it would expand eastward toward the grain shed and machine shed. The expanded prairie on the north-west portion of the property will provide habitat for meadow larks that have already been seen there. The far west side of the property would be developed into a fence row to define the property edge, provide a wind break, and create edge habitat for wildlife. The prairie on the south end would provide a visual contrast and maintain a view to the Clear Creek watershed and landscape to the south that would not be obstructed by trees.
5. Within the space surrounded by the curved drive west of the CCH we propose three functional components: a) A short grass prairie garden on the south, b) an open-sided picnic shelter in the center (pavilion on map), and c) a row of native

American plum shrubs along the edge of the paved road. The picnic shelter could serve as a space for gatherings such as memorial services, graduation open houses, etc., that could potentially be available to the local community.

To the south of the loop of the drive and at the existing brush pile, parking spaces could be created to serve the CCH and the future dormitory. We envision the proposed dormitory could be placed south of CCH and perhaps be connected to it or somewhat to the southeast of it. We would encourage the creation of outdoor “rooms” between and around the CCH and the dormitory for places of conversation, contemplation, and committee activity. This would consolidate the dormitory functions of CCH and the dormitory in one location for small or large events.

6. The area between the southwest end of the Meeting House and the dormitory that currently includes the old field would be reserved for the future dining hall and kitchen. Actual placement would be determined when further planning is pursued, considering proximity to the Meeting House and utility access as well as other contingencies.

Future plans for YF recreation areas and other suggested items, including a labyrinth, will be developed and placed later. One idea might be to place the labyrinth in the southeast corner of the property adjacent to the Hans Peters memorial blue spruces if ILYM is able to purchase the land to square off that corner.

We were unclear about where additional parking would occur between the ILYMH and the kitchen/dining building, but felt it should be designed to be

unobtrusive and tastefully blend into the landscape. We felt if placed towards the north end of the property it should not disrupt the green space developed along Quaker Lane. Overall, we would like to discourage driving and encourage walking once people are at the site.

We hope that Site Envisioning Committee finds this conceptual plan useful and that it will become the catalyst for a plan approved by Illinois Yearly Meeting. Once this or some variation of the concept plan was approved by ILYM, ECC would then proceed with development of the proposed Friends Memorial Worship Grove.

- Noel Pavlovic, Clerk

#### FAITH AND PRACTICE (See Minutes 11-12)

The Faith and Practice Committee has met four times since our last yearly meeting. We have also held workshops with Springfield Worship Group, Rolla Preparative Meeting, Urbana-Champaign Monthly Meeting, Blue River Quarterly Meeting, and Metropolitan Chicago General Meeting. Most of our attention this year has been focused on two draft sections: one on worship groups and preparative meetings, and one on quarterly meetings. In addition, we have begun work on a section on meeting for worship, and one on death, bereavement, and memorial meetings, and prepared a sample form for monthly meeting membership records.

Versions of the section on worship groups and preparative meetings have been made available on the ILYM website for well over a year, with feedback gathered not only at several of the workshops just mentioned, but also at a workshop at yearly meeting last summer, and in comments from individual Friends. Revisions have been made in response to the feedback received, and we would now like to submit this text to the yearly meeting with a request that it be approved for a 5-year provisional pe-

to the yearly meeting with a request that it be approved for a 5-year provisional period.

The section on quarterly meetings has been discussed at a workshop at yearly meeting last summer, in addition to the workshops just mentioned with Blue River Quarterly and Metropolitan Chicago General Meetings. We are not asking for approval at this time, but we would like to present the text to the yearly meeting with a request for additional comments and suggestions. Likewise, we would like to have comments on the sample membership form. Our plan is to revise these documents over the coming year, and request 5-year approval at yearly meeting in 2012.

Additional plans for the coming year include continued work on the new sections on meeting for worship and on death, bereavement and memorial meetings, and revisions to the section on marriage, whose 5-year provisional period of approval will expire in summer of 2012. We solicit comments and suggestions from Friends especially on these topics, but also on any matters connected with Faith and Practice. Approved sections and circulating drafts are available on the ILYM website, at <http://ilym.org/FaithandPractice>.

- Peter Lasersohn, Clerk

#### FINANCE (See Minutes 61-66)

An informal audit was carried out last October, by Ann Miller of Evanston Meeting and Elizabeth Mertic of Lake Forest. The committee reviewed FY09 and FY10 receipts and disbursements as well as financial reports compared to bank statements. The financial records of the Yearly Meeting were reported to be in right order. Changes were recommended to the format of the YM's financial reports. With

many thanks to our Co-Treasurers we welcome the modifications, which are intended to render the reports more user-friendly.

We invited representatives from the Committee on Ministry and Advancement to come to our May 14 meeting to learn firsthand about their new vision and changes they see in their future work. It was a wonderfully successful dialog, and we were grateful for this opportunity to consider in advance how Finance Committee may need to anticipate this committee's travel and other expenditures. To continue to more proactively work to anticipate budget needs, we have invited the Environmental Concerns Committee to come and meet face-to-face to tell us about their new vision for the McNabb property.

To help Monthly Meetings with managing and archiving their records, Finance Committee is sponsoring a workshop at Annual Sessions this year. Cathy Garra is facilitating this workshop.

During the past year Shorebank was subject to an orderly takeover; it is now the Urban Partnership Bank. Finance Committee will be keeping a CD there, and the Peace Tax Fund account at this bank.

Finance Committee is encouraging the Yearly Meeting to provide written guidelines to assist all those responsible for the Yearly Meeting property. From a legal and fiscal perspective how may we know what falls to the Yearly Meeting as a whole and what falls to Clear Creek Monthly Meeting?

As we had hoped, the Review Committee was more active this past year. The Review Committee was set up to help decide when an expenditure would bring a committee to more than 10% above its budget for the year. We learned that some processes needed streamlining. We decided to assign a single Review Committee member for Maintenance & Planning or Stewards to call if there is an immediate

need for approval of property expenses. The committee will work as quickly as possible in time-critical situations. The objective is to have everyone supporting our mutual goals of a safe, well-maintained property and good stewardship of our finances. Friends needing travel assistance for committee work may approach the Review Committee requesting discernment around the available funds. This might occur if need exceeds what is budgeted. Finance Committee reminds committees and Clerks that pre-approval of travel expenses is required (as indicated in the Handbook and each Minute Book).

While we anticipate the need for increased contributions from monthly meetings, we are pleased that this year's budget increases are for program, for our work as Friends in the world, and for spiritual nurture of our meetings and our elders.

Finally, Finance Committee notes that Roger Laughlin will step down as Co-Treasurer at this yearly meeting. As a committee we are deeply grateful for what Roger has done to keep our work smooth and the records accurate for so many years. But, in addition to being accurate, dependable, speedy and thorough, Roger Laughlin is wise, gentle, loving and very good company. It has been a privilege to serve with this Friend, and he will be sorely missed.

- Judy Jager, Clerk

#### MAINTENANCE AND PLANNING (See Minutes 29-31)

It has been a rather busy year with a number of maintenance problems accomplished as planned. The big job of repairing the kitchen was unexpected and Carol Bartles will be reporting on that. A recent addition was made at Clear Creek House



when a new instant gas water heater was installed. The old water heater was not sufficient for the demand of the showers in the full house.

Roof repairs were made on most of the small roofs at the back of the meeting-house. New vents were installed on those spots: two in each area to allow for better air circulation. New vents were added to the water heaters to replace the inadequate system that was not working properly. The heater room itself is now vented into the hallway as was recommended. That room now has dry wall and insulation.

The piers in the center wall of the big meeting room were given new support from the basement upwards. Also, new supports around the furnace room in the basement were added. Two new steel supports have been installed in the north part of the dining room to give support to the heavy beams that were not adequately supported following the termite repairs. The support cables in the attic have been tightened according to recommendations. The gutters have been cleaned and new covers have been put on the foundation vents.

At the Clear Creek House the old pressure tank in the basement was removed and a new sump pump was installed in that spot. A new water filter system was added. The outside stairway to the basement was temporarily blocked to prevent heat loss. New soil was added on the lawn areas on both the east and west sides of the house to improve the drainage away from the walls. New window wells were added at that time.

Furnishings have been added to the house mostly by purchase with a number of individual and communal donations. Two bunk beds are in the northeast bedroom. Three single beds are in place, one with a trundle bed. A double bed is in the small west room. A futon has been put in each of the small east bedrooms and another in the hallway near the north stairway. A fourth futon is located in the library. Fire es-

cape ladders are in place in each bedroom on the second floor. Fourteen new dining room chairs are in place. A new refrigerator and a new donated dishwasher are in the kitchen. A beautiful set of book shelves has been donated to the library. A number of smaller items have been purchased or donated. New flooring was recently installed in the front porch.

For the near future, estimates have been made for painting the east and south sides of the meetinghouse as well as for the removal of the old water system and box from the top of the water cistern south of the meetinghouse. A new stove is recommended to replace the counter top burners and the oven which is damaged beyond repair. Also there is a suggestion of a stackable washer-dryer to be installed in the kitchen alcove.

We had a successful work week-end in May in spite of a smaller than usual number of volunteers. Diane Dennis did a wonderful job of organizing the event.

- Neil Mesner, Co-Clerk

#### MINISTRY AND ADVANCEMENT (See Minutes 55-56)

We'd like to start with a few late-breaking news bulletins:

- Ministry and Advancement Committee has been re-imagining the way we do our work. We've come to unity on a Statement of Vision, which follows. We invite you to look it over! Basically, the Statement of Vision *is* our report.
- Committee members would be happy to answer questions and hear your comments and suggestions in response to our Statement of Vision.

- We helped some meetings create websites last year, but the ways in which people – especially young people – communicate continue to evolve, and we need to keep abreast of new technologies if we hope to serve them. One meeting has asked for help connecting with younger people through Facebook and Twitter. Greg Woods has volunteered to help, but unfortunately is unable to attend annual session. However, he will consult with Friends via phone – he says he has free anytime minutes, and he suggests talking you through the process of getting online via Facebook. His email is gregwoodsquaker@gmail.com. Contact him via email to set up a phone time.

Ministry and Advancement Committee's turning point, as we were re-imagining our work, came during our fall retreat. We'd been sharing our sense of what the yearly meeting's spiritual state was, and then together faced the query, "What can Ministry and Advancement Committee do to strengthen the yearly meeting spiritually?" Out of the silence one Friend said, "Pray." Another said, "Pray til the power of the Lord comes down." The silence was electric, and then the ideas began to flow.

We had been energized already by Paul Buckley's vision of bringing the FWCC "Salt and Light" presenters to various meetings in Illinois during the fall. Paul had shown us his tremendous gifts for coordination and persistence. (How many individual phone calls and emails did it take, Paul, to herd all those Quaker cats in all those different meetings?) Now Paul was saying to us, "Next time we put forth all that effort, it should be for something of our own." Out of this experience was born the initiative we called Days of Spiritual Sustenance – our effort to nurture our nurturers by reaching out to Friends on a more regional basis, so as to give our spiritual nurturers an opportunity to begin to know the nurturers in nearby meetings. We offered free lunch, travel reimbursement, and free childcare: 36 Friends from 9 meetings

attended the gatherings, and at least two Friends awoke to the realization that they did, indeed, have a call to the ministry among Friends. What a gift these dear Friends will be to all of us in future years! Paul has always had a passion for building up the Society of Friends, but Paul and M & A set each other on fire during this last year.

We are mutually sorry that Paul will be unable to help us carry our vision forward to the next step; but we remind ourselves of something Neil Mesner said a year ago in February. He was fixing a doorknob on this meetinghouse when it came to him that anything worth doing takes more than a lifetime. It is not our job to finish the work to which God has called us, but to leave it to God, and to others, when we are called to other work. M & A has begun the process of recruiting a new Field Secretary. We invite Friends to consider whether you may have a leading to become our next Field Secretary. Does something in you say, "I'd like to have Paul's job"? Joan Pine and Beth Burbank will welcome opportunities to talk with you and answer questions about becoming Field Secretary for Illinois Yearly Meeting. Maybe the time when you can be Field Secretary is a few years away, but it is not too soon to begin to learn about the work. Paul would also welcome the opportunity to talk with you – as would our other former Field Secretaries, Roxy Jacobs and Maurine Pyle.

The individual journey to spiritual maturity is always a trail and never a campsite, and the same is true for Ministry and Advancement Committee, and for the yearly meeting as a whole. We invite you to join us in this journey. We'll have to scramble through the underbrush now and again, and probably lose sight of the trail sometimes as well, but when we decide to look for the path again, it'll always be right at our feet. Come along – we will have great adventures – together.

### **Ministry and Advancement Committee's Vision for FY 2011-2012**

*Nurturing Our Nurturers.* Day of Spiritual Sustenance retreats were conducted in spring of 2011 in four different locations by Field Secretary Paul Buckley, with M&A members actively supporting the initiative. Our goal was to help our nurturers recharge their spiritual batteries, while providing some Quaker education. They give us so much! In 2011-12 we will follow up on the Day of Spiritual Sustenance retreats. We expect to present two more such programs in various locations in 2011-12. The Day of Spiritual Sustenance initiative will pay off for the yearly meeting in many ways, some of which are discussed below.

These two Day of Spiritual Sustenance programs will be presented in four different locations each, somewhere in western Blue River Quarter (BRQ), eastern BRQ, the northern part of the Chicago area and southern Chicago area. We will make it easier for Friends who have young families, demanding jobs, and/or limited means to attend by offering travel and childcare reimbursement, and providing a free simple lunch. The focus will be on taking care—for once!—of those who do so much, week after week, to take care of us.

*Improving Pastoral Care in Our Meetings.* M&A has united behind supporting our meeting nurturers in dealing with the challenges in the life of the meeting—if they're alive, they need pastoral care! One of the two Day of Spiritual Sustenance programs in the coming fiscal year will focus primarily on providing education and resources on one aspect of pastoral care: dealing with conflict in meetings. Consistency and follow-through are necessary on M&A's part to see that our meeting nurturers have the tools for pastoral care they need. This is the beginning of what M&A hopes will be a decades-long commitment to improving pastoral care. We will provide opportunities for participants to get to know one another more deeply, so that a

vide opportunities for participants to get to know one another more deeply, so that a fellow worker from a nearby meeting might be a natural candidate for a neutral third party helper.

*A Retreat for M&A with Brent Bill.* M&A needs nurturing, too! Our M&A representatives travel long distances, after an active week of building up the spiritual lives of their own meetings, in order to visit two or three other meetings—each twice during the year—in order to build up the life of those other meetings. They travel again in order to attend/participate/nurture the Friends at the regional Day of Spiritual Sustenance retreats. Then they travel long distances again in order to meet for M&A business twice between annual sessions—at annual sessions they again meet for M&A business. They understand the business is essential, and they give their all. They are spiritually tired. They want to grow in the life of the Spirit, too. They need revitalization, so they can help revitalize our monthly meetings. We have invited Brent Bill, who directs a Center for Congregations (funded by Lilly Foundation in Indiana), to meet with us this fall. Every one of the members of M&A wants to grow in this work so much that they have committed still another weekend in the next year for their own nurturing as a committee.

*Field Secretary Recruitment.* Paul Buckley is laying down his work as Field Secretary. He has been immensely committed to this work, and we are sorry he must leave. M&A is reviewing and updating a job description and planning a recruitment strategy. We expect the costs of recruiting, interviewing and training a new Field Secretary to be minimal, and we are including in our budget a small amount to cover these costs.

### **Drawing Upon the Wisdom of Our Elders**

The following initiatives of M&A will not impact our budget request:

*Steering Committee for Day of Spiritual Sustenance Programs.* Former Field Secretaries Paul Buckley, Roxy Jacobs, and Maurine Pyle will help the new Field Secretary plan, coordinate and carry out the programs. The co-clerks of Ministry and Advancement Committee, plus two other members of M&A, will also serve. With these experienced elders in regular consultation, the blood of the ILYM spiritual body will pulse more strongly in our meetings. Our Field Secretaries are already serving in this capacity; creating the Steering Committee simply acknowledges their continued dedication to the work of the yearly meeting.

*Grieving, Death, and Dying Initiative.* In FY 2010-11, M&A sponsored the following activities:

- Jeannie Marvin, Nan George, and Mariellen Gilpin have been reviewing books on death and dying for *Among Friends* and the ILYM website;
- Mariellen Gilpin presented a workshop to Springfield Worship Group, encouraging them to support one another as they make those difficult decisions about advance directives and planning memorials;
- Mariellen Gilpin has also collected some stories from Friends present at the death of a loved one for *Among Friends* and the ILYM website.
- Supporting Janet Means Underhill's leading to write a pamphlet on how meetings can help Friends, and their friends and families, grieve. Margaret Katranides, Paul Buckley, and Mariellen Gilpin are supporting her effort. Our hope is that Pendle Hill will publish Janet's labor of love.
- Margaret Katranides and Mariellen Gilpin will publish in *Among Friends* and on the ILYM website a series of email conversations on various aspects of the

on the ILYM website a series of email conversations on various aspects of the journey from illness to death. Some possible topics they might pursue would include helpful insights on getting more information when a doctor's prognostications seem too rosy; considering care options for a failing loved one; preparing oneself spiritually for an invasive medical test that may take as much recovery time as the proposed surgery to follow.

M&A is also sponsoring a workshop series during annual session of 2011:

- Dave and Dorothy Moorman on Support for the Journey: An Aging and Saging Group at Downers Grove;
- Peg Kruger on Getting our Final Wishes on Paper;
- Janet Means Underhill on Grief and Grieving;
- David Garman on How Do We Be A Loving Presence?

We intend to converse with Publications Committee whether ILYM might follow the FGC model, in which ILYM Standing Committees might approve a document for Publications Committee to bring to publication. While this discernment process will proceed in God's time, we feel the wisdom of our elders needs to be saved for posterity—now. We have already lost the wisdom of too many elders.

### **Results of the New M&A Program**

Much of the new sense of life in the yearly meeting has been the result of the expansion of M&A's program, particularly through the Day of Spiritual Sustenance initiative during the last year. As with any new effort, one can't often say, "We fixed X problem at Y event." We were pleased that this first effort to nurture our nurturers



attracted 36 Friends from 9 meetings, some of them driving in fog on icy roads to reach the gathering place. Other subtler signs of growth and change are there:

*Fostering Regional Interconnections.* We hope to create more opportunities for deeper connections between nurturers in meetings close to each other geographically. We hope to build their mutual trust and knowledge of one another's gifts, so they will begin to draw upon one another for help and support. When a meeting has a problem, it's a lot easier to ask for help if you already know and trust the potential helper.

*Improving Pastoral Care.* Nurturers who attended different regional meetings discovered that their meeting's pastoral care concerns were widely experienced, and were pleased to share insights and strategies.

*M&A Traveling Ministry.* For several years, M&A has had eight or fewer members; there are twenty meetings in ILYM scattered over four states. Our efforts are spread thin. Some committee members have been unable to travel in ministry due to their health, family members' health, the spiritual health of their home meeting, unwillingness to admit they need financial help to travel in ministry, or being overburdened at work—and often several of these at once. In the last year, however, M&A members have visited more meetings than in any recent year—with even fewer M&A members for this vitally important work.

*Fostering Intervisitation.* Renewing the ancient Friends practice of traveling ministry needs to begin small—with a small outlay of traveling time, time away from family, and fossil fuel. We want to help Friends re-discover the joy of ministry—near home. Our long-term hope is that Friends who discover how much they benefit from visiting and being visited by Friends from other meetings will begin to look (with greater favor than they have in recent years) upon the time and effort required for many of our far-flung Friends to attend annual sessions. If these nearby gatherings

feed their spirits, they are more likely to expect to be rewarded spiritually for attending more distant gatherings. We will create opportunities at the regional Day of Spiritual Sustenance retreats for Friends to make plans to call and visit one another.

*Discerning and Fostering Gifts.* M&A sees the graying of our meetings; the dying of beloved elders without new elders to take their place. M&A members will make a concerted effort to attend these regional Day of Spiritual Sustenance retreats in order to notice Friends' gifts and begin to nurture them actively. Since the "mountain" (meeting nurturers) has not been coming to "Mohammed" – that is to say, ILYM M&A – Mohammed is finding new and better ways to come to the mountain.

#### **Other ILYM Budget Lines That Impact M&A's Work**

*Field Secretary: A Situation in Flux.* M&A is deeply appreciative of Paul Buckley's vision and gifts of coordination, Quaker education, and just plain energetic devotion to planning, coordinating, and carrying out the Day of Spiritual Sustenance innovation in the last year. His family situation is in flux, but he has offered to continue to function as our Field Secretary in some capacities, at least, until a new Field Secretary can be recruited, interviewed, hired, and trained. Paul's timeline, and God's timeline in bringing forward a new Field Secretary, are unclear as we try to envision next year. We request your guidance how we might plan for a time of transition.

*M&A Committee Members' Traveling Ministry.* Rufus Jones once described traveling ministers among Friends as being like the blood circulating through the body of the spiritual community. They refresh and revivify the meetings they visit.

They improve communications and morale in our scattered meetings. Travel is essential to carry out the expanded M&A program we have undertaken. Travel R Us! Our travel among Friends falls into the following categories:

- Travel in order to attend to business in the yearly meeting: M&A business meetings, Continuing Committee meetings, annual sessions, etc.
- Travel to serve the monthly meetings that each M&A member visits – each meeting at least twice during the year;
- Travel to other monthly meetings or regional gatherings in order to serve the yearly meeting’s spiritual needs: facilitation of meetings for reconciliation, presentation of programs, discerning and nurturing gifts, etc.

Ministry and Advancement recognizes that not every inclination to travel is a genuine leading, and that M&A and Finance Committee share responsibility for prayerful stewardship of the resources of the yearly meeting. We also are aware of the need for balance in our own lives. Therefore, during the coming program year, we are committed to developing a process of seasoning and discernment, to ensure that our requests for travel support are truly Spirit-led.

M&A members take seriously Finance Committee’s challenge for the standing committees to become more cognizant of their committee’s expenditures. To that end, all M&A members agree to track their travel expenditures and keep Dave Moorman (the M&A Budget Tracker) informed. Dave will keep M&A and Finance Committee informed on a periodic basis about the true costs of traveling ministry in the yearly meeting. While some members of M&A will continue to donate their travel just as they have in the past, some members can only serve the yearly meeting with time and talent, because they don’t have treasure. By keeping track of all M&A expenditures (donated and reimbursed) in service to the yearly meeting, we can help

expenditures (donated and reimbursed) in service to the yearly meeting, we can help the yearly meeting know the true costs of our committee's traveling ministry.

*Meeting More Often Via Conference Calls and Other Phone Usage.* We are a much more active committee than in the past, and we use the phone much more, as well. We have conducted many meetings via conference call. There are also more one-on-one phone conversations. Some committee members' phone services allow for unlimited long distance calls; others rely on long distance phone cards.

*These initiatives, and this vision, are only the beginning.* Getting the blood moving within the spiritual body requires regular massage, regular opportunities for exercise of gifts, continued discerning of gifts, gentle repeated encouragement. Building the spiritual vitality of the yearly meeting takes persistent, creative effort over several years—if not forever! M&A members are committed for the long haul.

- Mariellen Gilpin, Co-Clerk

#### FIELD SECRETARY REPORT (See Minutes 57-59)

This has been a good year for me. As a primary responsibility, I visited with Friends in thirteen of our monthly meetings and worship groups, both quarterly meetings, and an Hispanic Evangelical Friends Meeting south of Chicago. In addition to these travels among ILYM Friends, I worked on two major projects, each designed to bring something new to our yearly meeting.

### **Salt & Light**

In the summer and fall of 2010, I devoted a great deal of time to arranging five “Salt & Light” presentations (Friends World Committee for Consultation mini-regional events) at Lake Forest, Downers Grove, Columbia, St. Louis, and Southern Illinois Meetings. My part in this was to coordinate between the meetings and with FWCC, arranging meeting space, food, housing, and transportation – FWCC provided speakers and program for all the events. This work reminded me, once again, that Quakers are subject to the same kinds of enthusiasms as other people; they are not always dependable; and occasionally, they are passive aggressive. At times, the work was frustrating, but in the end, my sense is that these events were valuable for those in attendance and will pay dividends to both the yearly meeting and the FWCC in the years to come.

### **Days of Spiritual Sustenance**

Over the winter and into the spring, I concentrated on service to two of the more needful constituencies of the yearly meeting: our smaller meetings and our spiritual nurturers.

We are aware of the problems facing our small meetings. Often, they feel isolated, alone, and barely holding on. While larger meetings can pool resources to achieve their goals, small meetings don’t have that option. Moreover, when spiritual opportunities are offered, they come at a distance and at a cost in time and money that frequently seems excessive to a meeting with meager resources.

We are less aware of the degree to which we fail our spiritual nurturers. Too often, we accept their contributions to our meetings and to ourselves without recognizing the costs they bear on our behalf. And, to be fair, we are ignorant in part because

they are not likely to complain – until, that is, they exceed some internal limit and they withdraw entirely, sometimes for a period of rest, too often for good.

These two sets of needs fall especially hard on the nurturers in small meetings. They are few in number, so they have to take on a wider variety of tasks. As a result, nurturers in small meetings are even more likely to burn out, and their small meetings, who depend on them so much, suffer disproportionately for the loss.

Historically, there were Meetings of Ministers and Elders at the quarterly meeting and yearly meeting levels. These meetings were composed of the spiritual leaders in all of the particular meetings. Coming together several times each year for worship and fellowship encouraged interconnections between the nurturers in the individual meetings. These gatherings provided opportunities to share burdens and provide mutual support. Unfortunately, this practice was lost in the last century, as each meeting claimed more independence and our religious community became less interdependent. The price of this independence is that we are increasingly fragile

A series of days of spiritual nurture was proposed to address these needs. It was decided to offer this opportunity on four days in four locations chosen to make it most convenient for those in the smaller meetings to attend – Oak Park, Illinois; St. Louis, Missouri; Chesterton, Indiana; and Bloomington, Illinois. And in order to encourage anyone named by their meeting to attend, all costs were borne by the Ministry and Advancement Committee – including, as needed, help with participants' travel and child care expenses.

A primary concern in developing these events was how to get the right people to participate. Simply asking nurturers to self-identify would seem to be the easiest way

forward, but some of those who are most in need of spiritual care are also so self-effacing that they would never put themselves forward. It seemed better to ask meetings to name two or three people to attend. This also created an opportunity for meetings to grant a degree of recognition to those who are often taken for granted. It soon became clear that some meetings were uncomfortable in choosing who to attend, but this, in itself, was a valuable exercise. Our inability or outright refusal to acknowledge the reality of individual spiritual gifts – gifts given uniquely, not universally – weakens us as a society and contributes to the burnout of our nurturers.

Thirty-six people from nine meetings and one person from outside the yearly meeting participated. Five others, named by two other meetings, were unable to attend. I believe these events were very successful. The sharing in these sessions was deep and unguarded; and the participants felt renewed by their participation.

One unexpected aspect of these four days has been the times we have spent discussing the traditional roles of minister, elder, and overseer – how each is unique and why each was created. Generally, it was felt that we lose something important when these are all lumped together. Each task requires particular spiritual gifts and people need practice in exercising these gifts if they are going to get good at them. When a single person is required to serve in multiple roles, he or she may be “pretty good” at each of them, but may never grow into the person they could have been. Moreover, when a person tries to exercise multiple gifts, the work involved in trying to do too many things risks his or her becoming spiritually, if not physically, exhausted.

The initial impetus for these events was a spiritual leading and the changes over time have been the products of spiritual discernment, not a process of intellectual development for which I can claim credit. This work of discernment has been greatly facilitated by others, in particular, the members of the Ministry and Advancement

Committee who helped me articulate the vision and labored with me to make each session better than the one before.

### **The Traveling Bookstore**

Finally, in the last couple of years, an accidental ministry has been growing up in my travels. It began simply enough. I had some books, pamphlets, and other materials on outreach that I thought might be of value to our meetings, so I threw them in a box and carried them along as I visited with monthly meetings and worship groups. Inevitably, someone wanted to borrow one or another of them. At first, I was reluctant to let them go – these were my personal copies and I had accumulated them over a period of many years. What if they got lost? What if I couldn't replace them? But good sense lost out to trusting that this was a leading. It seemed silly to say no and the traveling bookstore was born. Since then, I have sold scores of books and pamphlets. I believe the benefits of getting these materials into our meetings will be felt for years to come.

### **Farewell**

This is my final report to the yearly meeting, although I will be continuing to serve you into the fall of this year. My three years as field secretary have been spiritually fulfilling, as well as physically exhausting. My love for you all has grown with each opportunity you have given me.

Thank you.

- Paul Buckley



PEACE RESOURCES (See Minutes 38-39)

Dear Friends of Illinois Yearly Meeting,

We, the members of the Peace Resources Committee, hope this missive finds you, despite all that we struggle with, in the comfort of peace and compassion.

Over the past several years, PRC has sought ways in which to encourage Friends to examine their relationship with the Peace Testimony. PRC continues to feel a leading to focus our work in that direction. What follows are our plans and concerns.

First, PRC members plan to travel to monthly meetings and worship groups and meet with Friends during coffee and potluck fellowship. We will listen to concerns Friends have regarding difficulties working through conflict or to needs they might have as to how to deepen their relationship to the Peace Testimony.

Second, PRC will respond to specific requests for presentations and workshops that will facilitate Friends' explorations of their relationship to the Peace Testimony and how that might take expression within their Meetings and without.

Third, PRC would like to facilitate the collection of stories of Friends' expression of their Quaker spirituality through service. PRC believes it is important to collect these stories not simply for posterity, but to feed the flame of Quaker service for those who follow. PRC welcomes Friends' suggestions as to who might be approached for such stories and we further welcome assistance in collecting these stories.

Fourth, PRC has begun discussing "An Ecumenical Call to Just Peace," a document released earlier this year by the World Council of Churches and passed on to us by Tom Paxson. The committee plans to spend more time with this document. In the meantime, PRC recommends it to ILYM and further suggests that the document be circulated to Monthly Meetings for wider consideration.

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Finally, on a somewhat different note, PRC would like to bring forward the following concern to ILYM. Our concern regards the ability of Friends, in these times of ever-rising fuel prices, to travel to and participate in ILYM activities. PRC is well aware that Friends, when and where possible, carpool, utilize available public transportation and otherwise attempt to travel in as green a manner as possible. However, PRC is concerned that not all are able to do so, that they are prohibited from participating in ILYM activities because they simply lack the resources to do so. PRC thus encourages ILYM to keep this in mind when determining budget allocations so that, to the extent possible, assistance can be made available to those who lack the means to travel to ILYM gatherings. Thank you.

- Chuck Hutchcraft, Clerk

#### PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Twice during the year staff have inquired about the previously stated possibility of purchasing health insurance via FGC but it turned out to not to be feasible for the following reasons:

1. only employees working at least half time are eligible (thus 2 of 3 were not eligible).
2. to participate, yearly meeting would have to pay 80% of the cost prorated to the percent of time (e.g., 80% of 1/3rd time x cost).
3. the employee would need to pay the remainder (e.g., 20% of 1/3rd + 100% of 2/3rd=73%).

4. the cost in 2009 would have been 688.53/mo for individual to 2,289.05/mo for family and was more than the take home pay.

In sum, this does not appear to be a realistic alternative.

Confusion about the above issue led Ministry and Advancement (M&A) to request a short fact sheet on what our current expectations/benefits/personnel procedures are. This information can be provided to prospective candidates for field secretary and made available via the website. Personnel Committee agrees and will proceed to draft such a sheet in consultation with Finance committee and the Treasurers. We will make it available to M&A right away as an interim document in support of its search for a new field secretary and then submit it to Fall Continuing Committee for formal approval.

Several other issues have come up in the past month including whether Personnel Committee would develop a minute regarding ILYM policies on compensation (raises, donated time, mileage) and the Federal government's requirement for employers to obtain proof of an employee's right to work in the U.S. The latter would require ILYM to complete an I-9 form (see <http://usimmigration.visapro.com/I-9-Form-Compliance.asp>) to document that we have confirmed the employee's right to work in the U.S. and made copies of the appropriate documents. While common, in the past this has raised questions of conscience and calls for a mindful decision. The Personnel Committee intends to survey other yearly meetings and wider Quaker organizations to determine their practices regarding these personnel issues, discern recommendations for ILYM and report back at Fall Continuing Committee. Janice Domanik has agreed to brief us on recent developments on I-9 based on a recent survey. Input from others is welcome.

## PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE (See Minutes 42-43)

The following publications have been completed this year both online and on paper: the 2010 Minute Book, the 2009 Plummer Lecture, and *Among Friends* (Summer 2010 & Winter 2011). The 2010 Minute Book had a record length of 128 pages, which increased its cost. (This was due in part to the inclusion of two sections of our developing Faith & Practice.) The 2010 Plummer Lecture is available online, and we hope to have paper copies available at the June 2011 sessions.

In order to enhance its visual appeal and ease of navigation, the ILYM website was redesigned using different web software (Drupal). The transition took place this Spring. Most of the files have been transferred from the older Tikiwiki web software to the new one, with some files appearing as links to the Tiki. The new web software is now the default (at [www.ilym.org](http://www.ilym.org)), but both will remain active and available until the transition is complete. Many thanks to Wil Brant for his skillful design, and for his careful and thorough attention to process and execution.

Each ILYM member who is on the email list has been sent an invitation to visit the website, and each has been sent instructions on how to log on in order to access additional content, such as committee pages and discussion boards.

We encourage committees and members to explore it and think about how it can assist your communication needs. For example, the ILYM calendar and upcoming events are easy to find on the home page. We can set up private pages for committees to use, and can help with your ILYM document access and storage needs. Please contact Wil or me if you have any questions or comments; we love to hear about how

people use (or would like to use) our site. Use the "Contact ILYM" page or just send an email. (We are both in the directory.)

- Judy Erickson, Clerk

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Committee continues to strive to meet the needs of Friends far and wide. We have continued to add resources to our Yahoo Group REconnections (iymreconnections), and post a query monthly to engage Friends in conversation. We have not received much feedback about how useful this has been for Friends, but have certainly heard appreciation for our efforts. We will continue to post queries and add resources for the next year. We welcome all Friends and attenders to join our group, so that we might learn from each other and be encouraged as well.

RE Committee has also taken up a concern that the ILYM summer activities of Friends Under Nineteen (F.U.N.) Program be supported in using religious materials as part of the programming. To this end, we have offered support to the teachers leading F.U.N. and this offer of help has been warmly received and appreciated. Modeling on FGC's strong foundation of Religious Education as the focal point of their gatherings, we hope to support our children to develop a stronger identity as Friends.

- Elke Narkiewicz, Clerk

## SITE ENVISIONING COMMITTEE (See Minutes 32-33)

Last year the Site Envisioning and Development Committee returned to its previous status as two committees (Development and Site Envisioning). As of this writing

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The Site Envisioning Committee was charged with gathering the dreams and goals of the Yearly Meeting and its committees. This charge pertains to the entire campus (new and old buildings and outdoor spaces). The information was addressed in a set of queries and sent to all Standing Committees and Monthly Meetings. So far, eight monthly meetings and four Standing Committees have responded. We look to revise our outreach to the meetings not yet responding by some meeting visitation.

We found out that the site focus of our committee was challenged by an interest in program. That which is not “bricks and mortar” is seen by some to be important to the development of our spiritual journey and therefore needs to be included in some way into our deliberations. We look for way to open along this path.

Our initial review of responses to the queries has generated a set of “emerging commonalities” that seem to be converging in review of the responses. Four of the largest are:

1. A new dining hall with kitchen
2. A new dormitory
3. Demolition of unnecessary structures
4. A caretaker

In the upcoming year we look to manifest our collected visions. Much good work that pertains to the site has been done by the Environmental Concerns Committee and Maintenance and Planning Committee. We seek to integrate their work with the gathered query data into a presentation by next annual session.

Our schedule for the work follows.

- Committee work session to prepare base map, narrative, and matrix. End of August 2011
- Committee meeting to review and adjust the documents. September 10, 2011
- Review with the standing committees providing input. November 19, 2011
- Presentation to all of the Site Vision. January 14, 2012 (snow date January 21, 2012)

Our September Committee Meeting will be held in Kankakee. Other meeting locations will be determined.

- Chip Rorem, Clerk

STEWARDS (See Minutes 34-36 & 77)

**Proposal to Authorize an ad hoc Property Use Committee (PUC)**

As ILYM seeks to more fully use the ILYM campus, especially the Clear Creek House, we form an “Ad-hoc Property Use Committee.”

Charge of the Property Use Committee:

- The Property Use Committee will work with Administrative Coordinator (AC), addressing questions about using the property which arise during the year.
- The committee will schedule (with AC) local “Retreat Managers” for each event/ activity. Based on this experience, the PUC will research the viability of hiring a “Retreat Manager.”
- The Property Use Committee will serve as a clearinghouse for issues and concerns regarding the management the Clear Creek house as a Retreat Center for ILYM use by Monthly Meeting users, other Quaker organization users and non-Quaker-related users.

- Work with Clear Creek Friends Meeting to establish ways to harmoniously share Clear Creek House.
- The Property Use Committee would serve as backup resources to the Stewards and the “Retreat Manager” if emergencies arose that needed quick or immediate decisions.
- The Property Use Committee will present to the 2012 ILYM Yearly Meeting Annual Sessions recommendations of how to manage and utilize the property. They will also give updated reports at Continuing Committee meetings.

Any and all Friends are invited to send a list of issues or concerns about using the property **through Sharon Haworth by September 1, 2011**. The Property Use Committee will collate, assess how to research and address these issues.

#### **Background information**

Form a Committee: As ILYM seeks to more fully use the ILYM campus, especially the Clear Creek House, The Stewards recommend ILYM forms a “Property Use Committee”. This Property Use Committee (PUC) will represent ILYM as we grow into using the Clear Creek House and ILYM grounds. The Ad Hoc Committee on the Mills Property has prepared and presented a document for managing the ILYM property. This document will be the guiding framework for the PUC when addressing questions of building usage and can be modified by the PUC as conditions and situations grow and change. A Steward may or may not serve as *ex-officio* member but all Stewards will serve as resources and will be available to answer questions for the PUC as the need arises.



Tasks of the Property Use Committee: Administrative coordinator, Sharon Haworth, will continue to coordinate the scheduling of usage of the ILYM buildings. The Property Use Committee (PUC) would work with Sharon to address questions she may have during the year. The committee will schedule local “Retreat Managers” for each event/activity and based on this experience, research the viability of hiring a “Retreat Manager”. The Property Use Committee would serve as backup resources to the Stewards and the “Retreat Manager” if emergencies arose that needed quick or immediate decisions.

Comments or Questions - Due to Sharon Haworth by September 1, 2011: Friends and ILYM Committees may have issues or concerns about the future uses or users of the ILYM facilities. Some questions are posted below. Please submit your questions or comments to the committee through Sharon Haworth. The Property Use Committee will either research or ask someone or a committee within ILYM to research and present to ILYM recommendations of how to utilize the property at the coming Yearly Meeting Annual Sessions, and to give updated reports at Continuing Committee meetings.

It is suggested that to enhance open understanding of the work of the PUC and to widely share the work of the PUC, a newsletter with actions and decisions be sent to the ILYM listserv two times in the next year. A newsletter would help ILYM stay engaged and to understand what is happening.

Additional information for the Property Use Committee research: ILYM will need to make some decisions at the 2012 Annual Sessions to address how ILYM uses the facilities into the future. The Stewards’ proposal sets a framework and method for the use of the facilities in the coming year, and structures a way to research the issues

and aspects of managing the property. This approach will keep open the wide range of possibilities as well as help ILYM look into and establish future usage policy of the facilities.

Possible questions and resources for the Property Use Committee

1. Outside users of the property - Who can make decisions of what group can use the building during the next year? ILYM has a request to have a Quilting Club use the Clear Creek House for one weekend in January. One of the members of the group is a Clear Creek member. This seems like a perfect opportunity to “practice” having outsiders use our facility. ILYM can try one or two “outside users” this year and report to ILYM Annual Sessions how it went, what works, what doesn’t and then not have to make broad decisions without any experience to build the decision upon.
2. Information about the insurance and liability impact of outside users of our facilities is available.
3. Our property tax-exempt status. Many organizations rent their facilities out and maintain their tax-exempt status. If ILYM approves a single or maybe two outside user events, it would not be a decision with long-term implications but it would give ILYM a feel for the possibility and how it might work or not work. Information about the Tax status implications is available, too.
4. The IRS provides information for unrelated business income. This will merit research when renting facilities to outside vendors. IRS documents have been compiled with follow-up calls to the IRS suggested.

- Carol Bartles and Dick Ashdown, Stewards

SUMMARY—REPAIR OF MEETINGHOUSE KITCHEN 2011

Invoiced Service or Replacement Cost	Paid by Insurance Co.	Paid by ILYM
BJ Restoration – overall repair – primary contractor	\$9,627.84	
BJ Restoration – 2 countertops replaced and installed PLUS insulate exterior walls of recycle room staircase		\$521.00
Mold abatement and mold evaluation (2 licensed contractors)	\$7,195.30	
Dumpster	\$391.50	
Grassers – repair water line in Kitchen (ESTIMATED) – ILYM Responsibility		\$106.92
Grassers – disconnect LP (range and oven) and water (dishwasher) (ESTIMATED \$40)	\$40.00	
Grassers – freezer compressor check	\$69.00	
Grassers – hook up LP gas – range and convection oven	\$150.00	
Grassers – main kitchen sink drain reconnection	\$100.98	
S & J Electric – inspect site for electrical wiring damage after flood	\$52.50	
S & J Electric – replace 3 lights, receptacles, power strips, breakers, electrical lines	\$1,030.00	
S & J Electric – ground wire – dishwasher	\$480.90	
S & J Electric – recommended upgrade – add breakers, lights		\$587.00
Cones – Bloomington – two visits to hook up dishwasher	\$260.00	
LP gas increased usage during restoration	\$600.00	
Electrical increased usage during restoration	\$135.00	
<b>Replacement price of old stove &amp; old convection oven plus shipping (Insurance Co. Payment to ILYM)</b>	<b>\$10,303.00</b>	
Actual cost to replace stove & convection oven plus shipping		\$8,210.00

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Replacement price for old freezer (Insurance Co. Payment to ILYM)	\$461.20	
Actual cost of new freezer		\$2,831.00
Replacement prices of damaged rack, pots, knives, etc. (Insurance Co. Payment to ILYM)	\$1,019.00	
Actual replacement cost of rack, pots, knives, etc. in 2 invoices (\$303.88 + \$826.50)		\$1,130.38
Estimated loss cost of – Misc. spices, plastic wrapping, food, (Insurance Co. Payment to ILYM)	\$250.00	
Estimated loss cost of – Misc. buckets, spoons (Insurance Co. Payment to ILYM)	\$55.00	
Total cost to Insurance Company – at this time	\$31,191.22	
ILYM incurred a net cost due to the broken water pipe. (Electrical upgrades, matching countertops, upgraded freezer & equipment, Deductable payment for opening an insurance claim)		\$2,191.18
<b>Additional Information</b>		
Insurance Co. will reimburse ILYM for the increased utilities usage due to the repair of flooded area (LP Gas + Electricity)	\$735.00	
Total replacement values of equipment, appliances, utensils, misc. items; as agreed by ILYM and the Insurance Co.	\$12,088.20	
Actual replacement costs for ILYM purchases		\$12,171.38
ILYM \$1000 deductible for insurance claim		\$1000
ILYM Expense – Repair of water pipe (Estimated \$106.92) and Improvements ILYM made above the repairs paid by Insurance Co. (\$1108.00)		\$1,214.92

#### YOUTH OVERSIGHT (See Minutes 53-54)

We started the year by helping 6 teens from 6 different monthly meetings to attend 2010 Friends General Conference (FGC) High School Program in Ohio: Delia Amos (Southern IL), Jonathan Gaff (Downers Grove), Mason George (Evanston), Nate Howenstine (Upper Fox Valley), Sara Raffensperger (Clear Creek), & Emily Wills (Lake Forest). Almost immediately thereafter we supported 2 teens from 2 monthly meetings on the 2010 Quaker Youth Pilgrimage to Oregon and Washington state: Marguerite Daw (St. Louis Meeting) and Mason George (Evanston). Micah Bales (an adult young friend) was one of the co-leaders.

In September, we had 3 teens from 2 monthly meetings participate in Blue River Quarterly (BRQ) Meeting in DuBois, IL: Delia Amos (Southern IL), Sean Robey (St. Louis), and Marguerite Daw (St. Louis). We tried to have a second fall Quake in October but called it off due to lack of confirmed attendance. We thank BRQ for hosting us.

In January on Martin Luther King weekend we hosted the 2011 Quake that Rocked the Midwest that included 40 teens from Illinois Yearly Meeting (ILYM), Lake Erie Yearly Meeting (LEYM), Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting (OVYM), and Scattergood School. The 9 ILYM teens came from 6 monthly meetings and included: Liz Anderson (Downers Grove), Marguerite & Brennan Daw (St. Louis), Mason George (Evanston), Claire Goode (Clear Creek & Downers Grove), Nate Howenstine (Upper Fox Valley), Sara Raffensperger (Clear Creek), Sean Robey (St. Louis), & Emily Wills (Lake Forest). Jon Watts led a workshop on songwriting. We want to thank Javaughn Fernanders (ILYM Youth Coordinator), Cari Burke (LEYM Youth Coordinator), Peter Albright (Youth Oversight), and Meredith George and Warrick Daw (Parents) for all of their help to make it happen and for helping us to

Warner Daw (Parents), for all of their help to make it happen and for helping us to break even on the cost.

On Memorial Day work weekend, 8 teens from 5 monthly meetings came to help with work: Liz Anderson (Downers Grove), Marguerite Daw (St. Louis), Claire Goode (Clear Creek & Downers Grove), Nate Howenstine (Upper Fox Valley), Sara Raffensperger (Clear Creek), Sean & Gavin Robey (St. Louis), & Emily Wills (Lake Forest). They represented much of the workforce and divided up to help different groups of adults, participated in worship, made an out trip to bowling in Peru, and generally had a fun time being together.

This week at annual session there are 8 teens from 6 monthly meetings: Delia Amos (Southern IL), Liz Anderson (Downers Grove), Murphy Beattie (Evanston), Mason George (Evanston), Claire Goode (Clear Creek & Downers Grove), Nate Howenstine (Upper Fox Valley), Sara Raffensperger (Clear Creek), and Sean Robey (St. Louis). They have done workshops this week on clerking and "Texting God". On Saturday they will be going to camp Menno Haven to do team challenges and a high ropes course together and then joining meeting for worship and to hear Dick Ashdown's Plummer lecture.

In their business meeting they passed the following minutes of particular note to annual session as a whole:

- They nominated Liz Anderson to continue as Clerk, Claire Goode as treasurer, and Marguerite Daw as Recording Clerk. We still need one more co-clerk.
- Subject to availability of the space, they would like to meet at the St. Louis meetinghouse over Veteran's Day Weekend (11/11-14/2011), Evanston meeting-

house over Martin Luther King Weekend (1/13-16/2012), at the ILYM junior yearly meetinghouse over Memorial Day Weekend (5/25-28/2012), and at the next annual session (6/20-24/2012).

- They are offering to help support approximately a third of the cost (\$333/each) for 5 teens who have been accepted to attend FGC in Grinnell, IA, this year – Liz Anderson, Marguerite Daw, Mason George, Nate Howenstine, and Sara Raffensperger. Their respective monthly meetings are encouraged to match this offer.
- They are offering to use their remaining funds to help adult young Friends— either by supporting Caryn Wixom’s opportunity to be a resident artist at Pendle Hill this coming year or, if that does not work out, to support Adrian Nelson & Rose Dennis’s opportunity to go to the decennial FWCC meeting in Kenya in the Spring of 2012. They also encourage annual session, monthly meetings and individual members, as they are able, to support the efforts of these adult young Friends to participate in these opportunities for fellowship with other Quakers.
- They encouraged each other to apply for the 2012 Quaker Youth Pilgrimage to the United Kingdom and the Netherlands (7/12 to 8/13) and are committed to help raise the \$3000/person if they are selected. (Applications are due on 10/1/2011. See <http://fwccamericas.org/events/qyp.shtml>)

This fall Mason George will be going to Earlham, Sara Raffensperger will be going to Illinois Wesleyan University and Emily Wills will be going to Northwestern. Please join us in wishing them well.

Finally, we remind all of you to encourage Quaker teens to become involved in the ILYM group via Facebook, or by contacting the youth coordinator, any member of youth oversight, and/or any of the teen officers who are each listed in the directory.

## REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

### FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL LEGISLATION

Our group has met several times during the year. Two of us attended the National Meeting in November and we met with a member of the National Office staff in Oak Park in April. We are planning one or more workshops on Lobby training in the next several months.

Our group had a quite productive meeting with Senator Mark Kirk's staff in April and hopes to continue developing that relationship. We encourage each of you to communicate regularly with his staff and to receive his regular reports. We hope to continue regular efforts to persuade our legislators to support nuclear disarmament and a decrease in the defense budget. Each voice is an important voice in this long and necessary effort. We hope that many in ILYM will be led to participate in a prayerful manner. You may sign up at [www.kirk.senate.gov](http://www.kirk.senate.gov) and [www.durbin.sen.gov](http://www.durbin.sen.gov).

Your ILYM members of the FCNL General Committee,  
Kevin Brubaker, Brad Oglivie, Tom Simpson, and Wil Rutt



## FRIENDS GENERAL CONFERENCE

Friends,

Ministry has come to be a focal point in my walk as a Friend. FGC describes itself at times as a “service organization” and that has some truth. However, that word seems inadequate to me. FGC is the work of hundreds of Quakers coming together in a wider ministry on behalf of our Yearly Meetings and other affiliates. We don’t just give efficient service, but worshipful ministry.

FGC’s program of reshaping itself as a more focused, less top-heavy organization continued in earnest this year. We completed the reshaping of our program committees, which had become unwieldy and costly. In place of seven “ministry cluster” program committees, a new Committee to Nurture Ministries was created. Underneath this umbrella, subcommittees are being shaped in line with our ministry goals adopted in 2009, which are:

1. Nurture meetings and worship groups.
2. Provide resources and opportunities for meetings, Friends, and seekers to experience the Light, the living presence of God.
3. Help meetings guide Friends to discern the leadings of the Inward Teacher and to grow into ministry.
4. Transform our awareness so that our corporate and individual attitudes and actions fully value and encompass the blessed diversity of our human family.
5. Work to grow and sustain a vital, diverse, and loving community of Friends based on a shared search for unity in the Spirit.
6. Articulate, communicate, and exemplify Friends’ practices, core experiences, and the call to live and witness to our faith.
7. Promote dialogue with others, sharing with them our corporate experience of

7. Promote dialogue with others, sharing with them our corporate experience of Divine Truth and listening to and learning from their experience of the same. Details are being worked out and at present three subcommittees within the CNM have been formed to focus on the themes of “Growing, Transformation, and Deepening.” Roughly speaking, the subcommittee for Growing focuses on outreach and education, Transformation focuses on Youth, Racism, & Diversity, while Deepening will care for Traveling Ministries, supporting YM clerks, and couple enrichment. The specifics will be discerned and changed as Way Opens.

One special change is that the committee on which I’ve served since my first Central Committee, the Christian and Interfaith Relations Committee was moved from the ministries cluster to the Administrative cluster, in light of our care for permanent ecumenical relationships and obligations of FGC.

Another big change this year was the retirement of Bruce Birchard as General Secretary. Bruce had served since October, 1992, and we all were sad to see him leave, but also rejoicing in his new stage of life. We know we haven’t seen the last of Bruce.

Barry Crossno of Dallas, Texas, was named the new General Secretary. There is a full interview with Barry on FGC’s website.

I strongly urge Friends to consider substantial contributions to FGC. We are winding down our capital campaign and falling short of our goals. This is not a surprise and many changes, including difficult reductions in staff have been made to adjust our expenses. We are on a good path, but there is still much work ahead to reach a more secure situation.

- Charley Earp

## FRIENDS PEACE TEAMS

Friends Peace Teams (FPT) has continued to grow our activities over the past couple of years. We have grown so much that our part-time administrator has become full-time, though we still have not quite accepted that fact. Our new administrator is Chuc Smith from St. Louis Monthly Meeting.

FPT is currently working toward hiring an outside auditor. Though this is turning out to be a great expense for FPT, we found it is necessary to apply for some grants. We are also updating our files and offering more support to our initiatives.

FPT welcomes help from Friends who can volunteer in fundraising, administrative work, and as council members. As always, we welcome new initiatives to seek to join us. FPT has also found that our donations have dropped off with the economic difficulties in our country. We will be grateful for any donations offered to us. Please note that donations to FPT that are not specified to one aspect of FPT will allow the administration and organization, as a whole, to continue, which supports all three initiatives. Donations to an individual initiative support only that initiative.

We still are made up of 3 initiatives: Indonesia Initiative (II) concentrates on peace work in Indonesia, Peacebuilding in las Americas (PLA) concentrates on peace work in Central and South America, and African Great Lakes Initiative (AGLI) concentrates on peace work in the great lakes area of Africa. A brief update on each of them is below.

The director of our Indonesia Initiative, Nadine Hoover, has become so busy with her work that she has now dedicated herself to working for II full time, after realizing the Initiative required too much attention to allow her to work outside of peace work. Indonesia Initiative is taking their work on the road both in the U.S. and Indonesia. The focus of the work is the Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP)

Indonesia. The focus of the work is the Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP), trauma healing, developmental play, peace team delegations and friendships between people in the U.S. and Indonesia. In Indonesia, II works with human rights defenders, conflict refugees, and teachers of young children in Indonesia. They have some amazing stories about their peace-building experiences in Indonesia and I encourage meetings to consider bringing someone from II out to speak.

II welcomes help from people who can do research, write, translate, record for video and radio, organize, fundraise, and publish. II also has opportunities for people to join peace delegations to Indonesia. II does not have a specific time requirement for the delegation members. Friends may travel to Indonesia for whatever amount of time your schedule allows, up to the amount of time II will be traveling at a given time. People interested in traveling should contact II through FPT or II websites.

Peacebuilding en las Americas has continued to become busier as well. In fact, the director, Val Liveoak, has become so busy with peace-building that she is not able to devote much time to fundraising or the other works of a director now. She has become well known in some parts of the Americas and her presence has been actively sought by others to help with conflict resolution or prevention. Specifically, PLA does work in basic and advanced AVP workshops in several countries, as well as community based trauma healing. In addition, Val has been known to be home in the U.S. and had phone calls asking her to go to Honduras to help. One example that sticks in my mind is that Val will stay with and travel with someone whose life is being directly threatened so s/he will be safer. Because Val has become so busy, she has talked about finding someone to take over as director of PLA at some point. She said she hopes this will free her up to concentrate on the peace work. She is another

person whose stories about peace work are worth hearing and I encourage meetings to invite her to speak at some point. She and Nadine have even done a team talk recently in one region.

PLA welcomes help from people who can do administrative work, fundraising, and coordination of various aspects of the program. PLA also has opportunities for people to join peace delegations to Central or South America. PLA does not have a specific amount of time delegations or individuals are required to commit for travel. Friends may travel for the amount of time allowed by your schedule, up to the amount of time PLA will be traveling at a given time. To travel with PLA, contact the Initiative through FPT or PLA websites.

African Great Lakes Initiative has continued to grow, both in scope and size. In addition to continued work in AVP and HROC, AGLI has the Friends Woman's Association Clinic which has continued to grow and offer more in-depth medical help and support to women, men, and children. AGLI has also become involved in elections violence prevention in Kenya and Burundi after the violent outbreak in Kenya a couple of years ago. David Zarembka, AGLI's director, continues to travel around the great lakes area doing the work of the initiative and, at times, traveling elsewhere in the world to share the work of AGLI. Many of you have heard from Dave or another representative of AGLI. If you have not, I encourage you to invite AGLI to speak. Learning the details about what is happening in Africa is a worthwhile experience. Several members of our yearly meeting have personal experience with this initiative and would be terrific speakers for your meetings.

In addition to working directly with AGLI, Dave Zarembka recently completed and published a book, *Peace of Africa: Reflections on Life in the Great Lakes Region*. Dave will in St. Louis at the beginning of July as part of a book-signing tour. If he is

not coming to your meeting and you would like to have him, please contact him at dave@aglifpt.org.

AGLI welcomes help from people who would like to go on a workcamp to Africa in the summer of 2012 or later. Workcamps last for six weeks, though there are also extended stay opportunities available for some Friends.

Friends Peace Teams and all of the initiatives can be reached at friendspeaceteams.org or by e-mail to office@friendspeaceteams.org.

- Debra Penna-Fredericks

## QUAKER EARTHCARE WITNESS

Quaker Earthcare Witness (QEW) is an organization of Friends, spanning national boundaries, focusing on environmental concerns of Friends and calling us to live in right relationship with the earth. QEW's Vision and Witness says:

*WE ARE CALLED to live in right relationship with all Creation, recognizing that the entire world is interconnected and is a manifestation of God. WE WORK to integrate into the beliefs and practices of the Religious Society of Friends the Truth that God's Creation is to be respected, protected, and held in reverence in its own right, and the Truth that human aspirations for peace and justice depend upon restoring the earth's ecological integrity. WE PROMOTE these Truths by being patterns and examples, by communicating our message, and by providing spiritual and material support to those engaged in the compelling task of transforming our relationship to the earth.*

The year 2010-11 was one of transition for QEW; in 2011 ILYM Friends will have an opportunity to join QEW for its Annual Meeting in Chicago.

At its Annual Meeting in Houston at the end of October, 2010, the Steering Committee of QEW approved Anne Mitchell from Toronto, Canada, as its new General Secretary, replacing Ruah Swennerfelt after 16 years of faithful service to QEW. Anne is finishing her term as Clerk of Canadian Yearly Meeting and is active with the Quaker Institute for the Future. She is helping QEW to focus its activities and outreach in the future.

After several years of careful searching and discernment over how many times to meet face-to-face each year because of concerns over use of energy and creating carbon in our travels, the Steering Committee decided last April to continue meeting twice a year because we also value our personal times together. For many years, we have met in Chicago because of Chicago's central location with public transportation, particularly bus and train. We are also exploring meeting with other Friends organizations (in part to reduce travel); for instance, in 2012, we will hold our Spring Meeting in connection with the Friends General Conference Gathering in Kingston, RI. ILYM's Environmental Concerns Committee is considering inviting persons from QEW in surrounding states to meet before or after ILYM in the future.

Thus, **QEW invites Friends from ILYM and surrounding yearly meetings to join us for our Annual Meeting in Chicago at the Cenacle (on Fullerton Ave.) October 20-23, 2011 (Thursday to Sunday).** Recognizing how crucial adequate, healthy, and sustainable food is all around the globe as well as locally, our plenary sessions will focus on "Food and Biodiversity." In addition to our reflecting together on how we see growing, producing, and distributing food affecting us, several speakers will help us understand the broader issues of food from a spiritual perspective.

Marcia Cleveland, Legislative Representative on Environment for the Friends Committee on National Legislation, will be our keynote speaker. Molly Anderson, Professor of Food and Sustainable Agricultural Systems at the College of the Atlantic, will also join us. We expect one or two knowledgeable persons from the Chicago area to help us understand local food and biodiversity issues. We will keep you informed about the specific program of the QEW Annual Meeting as it becomes clearer.

QEW has been active in many ways:

- \* The QEW Mini-Grant fund (which matched ILYM's support of ECC's "green" – or live-plant – roof over the kitchen) has been expanded to support more projects, some outside of North America.
- \* The *Finca La Bella* Project in Costa Rica (started in part by Bill and Alice Howenstine many years ago) has provided land for 24 families, crossing religious and language lines; final arrangements to transfer the land to the families are being worked out.
- \* QEW continues its outreach to many yearly meetings; in 2011 Roy Treadway served as QEW Ambassador to Iowa Yearly Meeting (Conservative).
- \* Through its publications, QEW disseminates its message of earthcare; *BeFriending Creation* is published bimonthly; the tri-fold, *Water is Life*, was published in 2010; and a revised tri-fold, *Healthy Food, Healthy Planet*, is scheduled for release this Fall.

Many ILYM people are active with QEW. John Hackman, Alice Howenstine, Bill Howenstine, and Roy Treadway (Recording Clerk) serve on QEW's Steering



Committee. Sara Pavlovic, Nancy Halliday, and Noel Pavlovic are active with QEW committees, working groups, and projects. We invite **you** to join us with QEW.  
- John Hackman and Roy Treadway

## OTHER DOCUMENTS FROM BUSINESS SESSION

### FAITH AND PRACTICE APPROVED SECTION ON WORSHIP GROUPS AND PREPARATIVE MEETINGS (See Minute 12)

A local meeting need not be organized as a monthly meeting. Especially if a meeting is very small, or includes few experienced Friends, it may not feel prepared to fulfill all the functions and responsibilities normally expected of a monthly meeting. A small meeting may also find that it does not have enough business to require a regular business meeting. Depending on the circumstances, it may be appropriate to organize such a meeting as a *worship group* or *preparative meeting*.

Worship groups and preparative meetings affiliated with Illinois Yearly Meeting are normally held under the care of a monthly meeting; but are acknowledged to have a high degree of local autonomy, making their own decisions about internal matters. However, membership in the Religious Society of Friends resides in a monthly meeting; decisions to admit a Friend to membership, transfer a Friend's membership from one meeting to another, or remove a Friend from membership are made in the monthly meeting, not the preparative meeting or worship group. Likewise, monthly meetings have responsibility for the clearness process leading to marriage; requests for marriage under the care of a meeting should be directed to the monthly meeting.

Even if autonomous in its decision-making, a preparative meeting or worship group

held under the care of a monthly meeting forms a part of that monthly meeting, which in these circumstances serves as a kind of regional body rather than a strictly local meeting. It is this regional body under whose care the meeting is held, and all the meetings involved — even a large, old and established meeting — are under this same care. The care which these meetings exercise is mutual; they hold each other in love, supporting each other spiritually and practically, offering assistance as circumstances require and abilities permit.

Distance may prevent Friends belonging to the worship group or preparative meeting from frequent participation in the monthly meeting; but they form part of the monthly meeting community, and should feel welcome as full participants whenever they have the opportunity to attend its business sessions, meetings for worship, and other functions. The worship group or preparative meeting should not hesitate to request the assistance of the monthly meeting with large projects, or any other matters where the participation of the monthly meeting as a whole would be useful. Smaller meetings under the care of a monthly meeting may also expect periodic visitors from the monthly meeting, who should provide support as needed and keep the monthly meeting informed about the state of the smaller meeting. For more information on the relation between monthly meetings and the meetings under their care, see “Responsibilities of the monthly meeting to meetings under its care,” pp. xx–xx.

Preparative meetings and worship groups do not share the same level of responsibility to the yearly meeting and quarterly as a monthly meeting: there is no general expectation that they will send representatives to the yearly meeting Continuing Com-

mittee or host its sessions, that they will send State of Society reports, or that they will provide direct financial support to the yearly and quarterly meetings. However, they may do any of these things at their option. Smaller meetings are tenderly urged to assist their monthly meetings as needed in fulfilling these responsibilities.

The chart on the following page summarizes the differences among different types of local meetings. More detailed explanation follows.

#### *Worship groups*

A worship group is simply a group of individuals, meeting together on a regular basis for worship in the manner of Friends. Such groups are often organized on a completely informal and unofficial basis. Over time, a worship group may gradually come to function more and more as an established Friends meeting; many of the meetings in Illinois Yearly Meeting began in just this way.

The formation of new worship groups is encouraged in all areas where an existing meeting is not available. Individuals organizing a new worship group often find it beneficial to seek the advice and support of an existing meeting (typically the nearest monthly meeting), even if it is some distance away. A monthly meeting may lend informal assistance to a worship group without formally taking the worship group under its care.

An informally organized worship group which has not affiliated with a yearly meeting or analogous Quaker organization should avoid representing itself as an official body of the Religious Society of Friends. Any worship group which anticipates long term existence is encouraged to seek affiliation.

To affiliate with Illinois Yearly Meeting, a worship group normally makes a request to a monthly meeting which already forms part of the yearly meeting. The monthly meeting appoints a clearness committee to visit the worship group and explore with it the practical and spiritual issues involved in affiliation under the monthly meeting's care. Appropriate topics for discussion include the nature and basis of meeting for worship in the manner of Friends, the familiarity and consonance of the worship group with Friends testimonies and practices, expectations regarding the relation between the worship group and the monthly meeting after affiliation, and any other pertinent matters. The following sample queries may be used in exploring these areas:

- What experience do you have with the Religious Society of Friends?
- How do you understand worship in the manner of Friends? Do you approach worship as communal seeking? Do you experience it as uniting?
- How do you understand Friends' testimonies and their role in your daily lives?
- Describe the expected relationship between the worship group and the monthly meeting after affiliation.
- What are you doing as a group to know each other better? Are you aware and respectful of the individual differences within your worship group? What is the quality of your potlucks or other community events?
- Are you prepared to support each other spiritually and in times of need?
- If there are families with children, have you considered how to provide for their religious education?

Worship Group minutes care meeting	Preparative Meeting	Monthly Meeting
Yes	Yes	Yes
Yes	Yes	Yes
No	Yes	Yes
No	No	Yes
No	No	Yes
No	No	Yes
Optional	Optional	Expected
Meeting	Quarterly Meeting (or yearly meeting if no available quarterly) on recommendation of the monthly meeting	Yearly Meeting on recommendation of the quarterly meeting, if any

	Informal, Independent Worship Group	Recognized Group under the m of a m
<b>Holds regular meeting for worship</b>	Yes	Yes
<b>Has official affiliation with Illinois Yearly Meeting &amp; the Religious Society of Friends</b>	No	Yes
<b>Holds an official meeting for business</b>	No	No
<b>May receive, release or transfer members</b>	No	No
<b>May approve requests for marriage</b>	No	No
<b>May have more than one local meeting under its care</b>	No	No
<b>Reports to Illinois Yearly Meeting, and supports it financially</b>	Optional	Opti
<b>Is set up and laid down by minute of</b>	N/A	Monthly

- How will you participate in the yearly and quarterly (if any) meeting?

The clearness committee reports back to the monthly meeting, which records in its minutes a decision whether to take the worship group under its care. A decision to take the worship group under the monthly meeting's care establishes the worship group as a part of the monthly meeting, the quarterly meeting (if any) to which the monthly meeting belongs, and Illinois Yearly Meeting. The monthly meeting should report such decisions to the quarterly and yearly meetings. A worship group held under the minuted care of another meeting may also be known as a *recognized meeting* (or, in older terminology, an *allowed* or *indulged* meeting).

Affiliating a worship group with a monthly meeting does not confer membership on the worship group's participants. Participants in a worship group may become members of a monthly meeting in the usual ways, before or after affiliation; see Membership, pp. xx–xx.

In exceptional circumstances, it may be appropriate for a worship group to affiliate under the direct care of a quarterly meeting or Illinois Yearly Meeting, rather than a monthly meeting. A quarterly meeting may take worship groups under its care using the same procedure as a monthly meeting. Requests for affiliation under the direct care of Illinois Yearly Meeting should be addressed to the yearly meeting's Continuing Committee, which may appoint a clearness committee directly, or ask the Ministry and Advancement Committee to do so. The clearness committee reports to the body that appointed it, which in turn makes a recommendation to the yearly meeting. Affiliation is established by minute of the yearly meeting in its annual business sessions.

As the name implies, worship groups are primarily for worship, with minimal business. Historically, all business pertaining to a worship group held under the care of a monthly meeting was handled by the monthly meeting; and such an arrangement may occasionally still be appropriate, particularly if the worship group is located close enough for its participants regularly to attend the monthly meeting for business. But in many circumstances, it is appropriate for a worship group to hold its own decision-making sessions, to decide such practical matters as the time and location of meetings. Such decisions should be promptly reported to the monthly meeting. If the worship group finds that it has sufficient business to hold such sessions on a regular basis, it should consider whether the time has come to request the establishment of a preparative or monthly meeting.

If a worship group under the care of another meeting has become unable to sustain itself, with no expectation of revival, it should be “laid down,” or formally discontinued. The decision to lay down a worship group is normally made by the worship group itself in consultation with the monthly meeting under whose care it is held, and minuted by the monthly meeting in its business sessions. In special circumstances — for example, if a worship group has become completely inactive and its participants scattered — the monthly meeting may also lay down the worship group without such consultation; but monthly meetings are strongly advised to consult with the participants of the worship group if this is realistically possible. When a worship group under the care of a monthly meeting is laid down, the monthly meeting should report it to the quarterly (if any) and yearly meeting.



**2011 DIRECTORY OF MONTHLY MEETINGS AND  
WORSHIP GROUPS IN ILLINOIS YEARLY MEETING**

**BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL  
MONTHLY MEETING**

11am In homes  
<http://bnquakers.wordpress.com/>  
Mail to Clerk: Bob Broad, 306 W. Virginia  
Ave., Normal, IL 61761  
309-454-5463  
bob.broad@ilstu.edu  
Business: varies

**CLEAR CREEK MONTHLY MEETING**

14365 N 350th Ave., McNabb IL 61335  
11am 815-882-2214  
<http://clearcreek.quaker.org>  
Mail to: Clear Creek Monthly Meeting,  
P.O. Box 202, McNabb, IL 61335  
Clerk: Jeannie Marvin 815-433-4678  
riverstone4@mchsi.com  
Business: 3rd First Day, 9:45 a.m.

**COLUMBIA MONTHLY MEETING**

6408 Locust Grove Dr. East, Columbia MO  
10:00am 573-474-1827  
<http://quakersmissouri.org>  
Mail to: Clerk Sandy Matsuda, 6408 Locust  
Grove Dr. East, Columbia  
MO 65203 573-441-8781  
matsudas@health.missouri.edu

**EVANSTON MONTHLY MEETING OF  
FRIENDS**

10am  
1010 Greenleaf Street, Evanston IL 60202  
<http://evanston.quaker.org> 847-864-8511  
Mail to: Meeting address above  
Clerk: Karen Carney 773-271-3770  
carney.ke@gmail.com  
Business: 3rd First Day, 11:30am

**57TH ST. MEETING OF FRIENDS**

5615 S. Woodlawn, Chicago IL 60637  
10:30am 773-288-3066  
<http://www.57thstreetmeeting.org>  
Mail to: Clerk, at meeting address above  
Clerk: Owen Duncan 773-268-2965  
jmsomd@sbcglobal.net  
Business: 3rd First Day, 12:30pm

**LAKE FOREST FRIENDS MEETING**

101 West Old Elm Road (West Old Elm and  
Ridge Rds)., Lake Forest IL 60045  
10:30am First Day 847-234-8410  
8:00 am Thursday  
<http://lakeforest.il.quaker.org>

matsudas@ncar.missouri.edu  
Business: 2nd First Day, noon, except August

**DOWNERS GROVE FRIENDS  
MEETING**

5710 Lomond Ave, Downers Grove, IL  
60516 10:30am 630-968-3861  
<http://www.dgquakers.org>  
Mail to Clerk: Ruth Marquez, 1733 Whidden  
Ave., Downers Grove, IL 60516  
630-964-4561  
ruth.marquez@comcast.net  
Business: 2nd First Day, 9am

**DUNELAND FRIENDS MEETING**

Youth Services Bureau, 253 W. Lincolnway,  
Valparaiso IN 46385 10am  
<http://duneland.ilym.org/>  
Clerk: Noel Pavlovic 219-926-7411  
npavlo130@comcast.net  
Mail to: c/o Marlou Carlson, 817 George St.,  
Valparaiso, IN 46385  
Business: 3rd First Day, 11:30 am

Mail to: PO Box 95, Lake Forest IL 60045  
Clerk: Cathy Garra 847-864-3218  
garra1@ameritech.net  
Business: 1st First Day, 9am

**NORTHSIDE FRIENDS MEETING**

4427 N. Clark, Chicago IL 60640  
Worship: 10:00am First Days &  
7pm Wednesdays (in homes)  
Mail to: P.O. Box 408429, Chicago IL  
60640 773-980-6734  
<http://www.quaker.org/northside>  
Clerk: Ted Ehnle 312-451-4479  
tehnle@gmail.com  
Business: 1st First Day at 12:30 pm

**OAK PARK MONTHLY MEETING**

Oak Park Art League, 720 Chicago Ave.,  
Oak Park, IL 10am  
[www.oakparkfriends.org](http://www.oakparkfriends.org) 708-445-8201  
Mail to: Clerk, P.O. Box 3245, Oak Park, IL  
60303-3245  
Clerk: Helen Dickinson 708-452-0605  
helen.rose@sbcglobal.net  
Business: 2nd First Day 11:30am

**OSHKOSH MONTHLY MEETING**

419 Boyd St., Oshkosh WI 54901  
4:00 pm 920-232-1460  
Mail to: Thomas Barlow, P.O. Box 403.,  
Oshkosh WI 54903  
Clerk: Tom Barlow 920-233-5804  
maryrolloff@yahoo.com  
Business: 2nd First Day 5:00 pm

**ROCK VALLEY FRIENDS MEETING**

201 Seventh St., Rockford, IL  
Worship: 11am (first First Day of month  
only)  
Mail to Clerk: Ann Eckert, 310 Hill St.,  
Rockford IL 61107 815-964-7416  
Business: as needed

**ST. LOUIS RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS**

1001 Park, St. Louis MO 63104  
10:00am 314-588-1122  
<http://www.stlouisfriends.org>  
Mail to: 1001 Park, St. Louis MO 63104  
Clerk: Kurt Thoroughman 314-725-6941

**SOUTHERN ILLINOIS QUAKER MEETING**

Mail to: Interfaith Center, 913 S. Illinois  
Ave., Carbondale IL 62901 10am  
<http://www.siquaker.org/>  
Clerk: Jill Adams 618-549-1250  
jeadams@siu.edu  
Business: 4th First Days, 11:00 a.m.

**SPOON RIVER QUAKER MEETING (formerly Peoria-Galesburg)**

In homes 10 am  
Mail to Contact: Chuck Schulz, 902 Brown  
Ave., Galesburg, IL 61401 309-343-6847  
cschulz@knox.edu  
Business: Second First Days at 11:30 am

**UPPER FOX VALLEY QUAKER MEETING**

Crystal Lake Montessori School, 3013  
Country Club Rd. (between Crystal Lake  
and Woodstock) 10 a.m.  
Mail to: Howenstines, 4614 Pioneer Rd.,  
McHenry, IL 60051 815-385-8512

thoroughman@wustl.edu  
Business: 2nd First Day, 11:00 am

**FRIENDS MEETING OF ROLLA**

(Preparative—under the care of St.  
Louis Mtg.)  
603 East 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Rolla, MO  
10:00 am  
<http://www.friendsmeetingofrolla.org/>  
Mail to Clerk: Chris Jocius, 29 Irene  
Lane, Rolla, MO 65401  
jociusc@mst.edu 573-426-4848  
Business: 3rd First Day after worship

**SOUTH BEND FRIENDS MEETING**

Charles Martin Youth Center  
802 Lincolnway West, South Bend, IN  
10:30 a.m. 574-232-8258  
<http://southbend.quaker.org>  
Mail to Clerk at meeting address above.  
Clerk: Elaine Meyer-Lee 574-284-4059  
meyerlee@saintmarys.edu  
Business: 2<sup>nd</sup> First Day, 12:00 noon

Clerk: Mark McGinnis 847-697-1512  
clerk.UFVQM@yahoo.com  
Business: 1st First Day, 11am

**URBANA-CHAMPAIGN FRIENDS  
MEETING**

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61802  
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Business: 3rd First Day, 12:15 pm

**SPRINGFIELD WORSHIP GROUP**

(under the care of Urbana Champaign  
Mtg.)  
First Day worship, 10:30am in homes  
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*Preparative meetings*

A preparative meeting is the business meeting of a single local meeting, forming part of a larger monthly meeting. By extension, the body of Friends whose business is conducted in such a meeting is also known as a preparative meeting.

Preparative meetings were originally so called because they prepared business for presentation at the monthly meeting, much as a committee might do. Decisions were finalized in the monthly meeting, not in the preparative meeting itself. In Illinois Yearly Meeting today, there is no official expectation that a preparative meeting will send business (other than matters pertaining to membership or marriage) to its monthly meeting for final decision.

In some yearly meetings a local meeting seeking establishment as a monthly meeting is often expected to pass some time first as a preparative meeting, so the name has sometimes been understood as implying preparation to become a monthly meeting. In Illinois Yearly Meeting there is no such expectation, nor any expectation that every preparative meeting will eventually seek establishment as a separate monthly meeting. A preparative meeting which does wish to become a monthly meeting is advised to refer to the section on monthly meetings, pp. xx–xx.

A preparative meeting appoints a clerk. If it maintains a treasury, it should appoint a different person as treasurer. The meeting may also appoint a recording clerk, religious education committee, or such other positions and committees as seem useful. However, a preparative meeting which finds that a large number of positions and committees are called for would do well to consider whether the time has come to request the establishment of a monthly meeting. Likewise, a preparative meeting

may own a building or other property; but a meeting which is in a position to function as a property-owning institution will also often find that it is prepared to function as a monthly meeting.

A preparative meeting should keep minutes of its business proceedings, and make sure that these and any other records are properly archived. (See “Archivist,” p. xx.)

To set up a preparative meeting, a group (typically an existing worship group) makes a request to the monthly meeting under whose care the preparative meeting is to be held. The monthly meeting appoints a clearness committee to visit the group and explore with it its readiness for this step. If the group has not previously had formal affiliation with a yearly meeting or analogous Friends organization, this exploration may include a consideration of many of the same topics as in the case of a worship group seeking affiliation; see the queries on p. 3. Whether the group has had previous affiliation or not, the discussion should include a consideration of the nature and basis of Friends business practices, the group’s reasons for seeking the establishment of a business meeting, and the practical details of the preparative meeting’s relation with the monthly meeting. The following sample queries may be useful in this process:

- Do you understand Friends’ business practice as a communal seeking of divine guidance?
- What is your experience of Friends’ business practice?
- Have you read the section of this Faith and Practice on “Friends Manner of Decision Making”?

- Do you have enough business to require a regular business meeting?
- Are you prepared to keep records of your business meetings? Where will the records be kept?
- Are you familiar with Illinois Yearly Meeting's approved sections of Faith and Practice?
- What other Quaker sources do you consult?
- Do you anticipate having a treasury? How will it be administered?
- Do you have individuals willing and able to serve as clerk and treasurer?

The clearness committee reports back to the monthly meeting, which records in its minutes a recommendation whether to establish the preparative meeting. If the recommendation is positive and the monthly meeting is part of a quarterly meeting, this recommendation is forwarded to the quarterly meeting. The preparative meeting is established when the quarterly meeting approves a minute concurring with the recommendation. The quarterly meeting should report the decision to the yearly meeting. If the monthly meeting is not part of a quarterly meeting, a positive recommendation is forwarded directly to the yearly meeting, and the preparative meeting is established when the yearly meeting approves a minute concurring with the recommendation. After the establishment of the preparative meeting has been approved, the monthly meeting appoints a committee of welcome to visit it and provide advice or assistance as needed at its opening business session.

“Laying down” a preparative meeting means officially discontinuing its business meeting. Typically, this might happen because the meeting has become too weak in numbers or has too little business to sustain a regular business meeting. When a

numbers or has too little business to sustain a regular business meeting. When a preparative meeting is laid down, its meeting for worship may be laid down at the same time; or it may continue as a worship group.

Normally, a preparative meeting is laid down by minute of the quarterly meeting on recommendation of the monthly meeting of which the preparative meeting is a part. A preparative meeting may also lay itself down. In any case, the monthly meeting, the quarterly meeting (if any), and the yearly meeting should be promptly informed. When the meeting is laid down, care should be taken to see that its records are properly archived, and appropriate arrangements made for its treasury and other property. Please see 'Laying down a monthly meeting', pp. xx—xx, for considerations regarding these issues.

## FAITH AND PRACTICE DRAFT SECTION ON QUARTERLY MEETINGS (See Minute 44)

### **Quarterly Meetings**

The Quarterly Meeting is designed to bring together for inspiration and counsel a larger group and to consider more varied interests than any single meeting embraces... Its most helpful function should be to aid and encourage the Monthly Meetings composing it to greater interest and service, and to give its members an increasing vision of the truth. It should be diligent in seeking opportunities to gather together groups which may be organized into meetings



and should always be ready to help Monthly Meetings whenever they ask for advice or assistance.

*1927 Uniform Discipline of Friends General Conference*, p. 111

A *quarterly meeting* is a regional body of Friends, comprising more than one monthly meeting and forming part of a larger yearly meeting. By tradition, quarterly meetings hold their business sessions four times each year, but it has been found useful in some cases to maintain a less frequent schedule, particularly if the quarterly meeting covers a wide geographic area or includes few meetings of sufficient size regularly to host its sessions.

Quarterly meetings serve several purposes. First, it is in the quarterly meeting that monthly meetings report in detail the recent condition of their meeting communities, with an opportunity for the gathered Friends to respond, offer advice or assistance if needed, and take inspiration or new ideas when presented. At least once each year, representatives of each monthly meeting in the quarterly read aloud their monthly meeting's State of Society report in the quarterly meeting's business session. Time should be left after each meeting's report for Friends to speak as they feel led in response. For information on the composition of these reports, see 'State of Society reports', pp. xx–xx.

Because the quarterly meeting is the venue in which monthly meetings present these reports, and the body which regularly considers them with members of the monthly meeting present and participating, the quarterly meeting also serves as an important source of support, guidance, and assistance to local meetings, including those experiencing difficulty. Meetings which find themselves in need of assistance are urged to

bring such matters to their quarterly meetings. Help is also available from the Illinois Yearly Meeting Ministry and Advancement Committee, and from the Illinois Yearly Meeting Field Secretary.

Quarterly meetings also serve as the appropriate bodies to decide issues which affect Friends on a region-wide basis, and to coordinate the efforts of local meetings when such coordination is called for. Projects which are too large or too general for a single monthly meeting to take on may more naturally be assumed by the quarterly meeting. In petitioning the state or addressing issues of public concern, the voice of the quarterly meeting will usually bear more weight than that of a monthly meeting.

Quarterly meetings also serve to bring together Friends from different local meetings and promote a broader sense of community among Friends. Quarterly meetings may hold retreats, workshops, or social events, either in conjunction with their business sessions or separately, to build up connections among their local meetings. Meetings with few children may especially find that quarterly meetings and other regional gatherings provide a valuable opportunity for young Friends to find companionship and a sense of Quaker community.

Quarterly meetings also serve as a valuable forum for the preliminary consideration of business to be brought before the yearly meeting. Monthly meetings with proposals to put before the yearly meeting are urged to bring such matters first to their quarterly meeting (if there is one), unless the next session of the yearly meeting falls before the next session of the quarterly meeting, and the matter is too urgent to delay.

The quarterly meeting may also bring business to the yearly meeting which originated in the quarterly meeting itself, rather than any of its monthly meetings.

Finally, quarterly meetings have specific responsibilities in the setting up and laying down of meetings. In particular, a quarterly meeting may set up or lay down a preparative meeting on the advice of the monthly meeting of which the preparative meeting is to be a part; see 'Preparative Meetings', pp. xx-xx. In addition, proposals to set up or lay down a monthly meeting are normally approved by the quarterly meeting (if any) of which the monthly meeting is a part, before forwarding to the yearly meeting for final approval; see 'Setting up, laying down, and reaffiliation of monthly meetings', pp. xx-xx.

Each quarterly meeting appoints a clerk, who also serves as representative to the Continuing Committee of Illinois Yearly Meeting. Quarterly meetings may also appoint a treasurer, recording clerk, and such other committees and offices as seem useful. Quarterly meetings must keep accurate records of their business and finances, and archive them properly; see 'Archivist', pp. xx-xx.

Decisions of the quarterly meeting are made by the Friends gathered in the quarterly meeting business sessions, and do not require the approval or ratification of the monthly meetings which compose the quarterly meeting, though such approval may be sought in cases where the quarterly meeting deems it helpful to do so. Quarterly meetings must respect the local autonomy of their constituent meetings, and may not override their decisions or direct their affairs in purely internal matters.

#### *Setting up and laying down quarterly meetings*

To set up a new quarterly meeting, approval must first be secured from each of the

To set up a new quarterly meeting, approval must first be secured from each of the monthly meetings which are to become a part of it. Any monthly meetings which already form part of a quarterly meeting are advised to seek the approval of their existing quarterly meeting as well. Monthly meetings are advised against belonging to more than one quarterly meeting simultaneously. After the approval of all monthly meetings and their quarterly meetings has been obtained, the proposal is forwarded either to Illinois Yearly Meeting, or to the Continuing Committee. Whichever group receives the request appoints a clearness committee, or may request the Ministry and Advancement Committee to appoint a clearness committee. The clearness committee visits with the local meetings which are to be part of the proposed quarterly meeting to explore their readiness for this step. The following queries may be helpful in this process:

- What do you see as the spiritual and practical benefits of establishing a new quarterly meeting?
- What kinds of support can you provide as a quarterly meeting to the yearly meeting and to your monthly meetings? What kinds of support do you expect to receive from the yearly and monthly meetings?
- How strong is the commitment of each of the monthly meetings involved?
- Will you have a treasury? How will funds be raised? What will they be used for? How will the treasury be administered?
- How often will you meet and where? Have you considered potential scheduling conflicts?
- How will your gatherings be planned?

- Will your sessions include worship, business, workshops, retreats, fellowship, and community building? How will you decide on the relative balance?
- Do you have any qualms, fears, or reservations about establishing a quarterly meeting?

The committee may also meet with Friends outside the proposed quarterly meeting, to gauge the impact the establishment of the new meeting might have on existing quarterly meetings, and on the yearly meeting as a whole. The committee reports to Illinois Yearly Meeting; the new quarterly meeting is established when the yearly meeting minutes its approval in its annual business sessions. After minuting establishment, the yearly meeting (typically through its Ministry and Advancement Committee) appoints a committee of welcome to attend the opening session of the new quarterly and provide assistance or advice as it begins to conduct business.

If a quarterly meeting is unable, over an extended period, to fulfill the functions and meet the responsibilities normally expected of a quarterly meeting, it is appropriate to lay it down. Normally, this is accomplished by minute of the yearly meeting, though in principle a quarterly meeting may also lay itself down. In either case, it is strongly urged that the approval of all functioning monthly meetings which form part of the quarterly be obtained before the quarterly meeting is officially laid down. If the quarterly meeting lays itself down, it should inform the yearly meeting promptly of this decision.

Whichever body lays down the quarterly meeting appoints a committee to assist with the arrangements, or may ask the yearly meeting's Ministry and Advancement Committee to appoint such a committee. This committee should see to it that provision is

made for the archival of the meeting's records in a manner and location which keeps them accessible to Illinois Yearly Meeting. Deposit in the University of Illinois Library is recommended for this purpose. If the quarterly meeting has a treasury and other property, the committee should see that these are disposed of in an appropriate fashion, such as transferring them to the yearly meeting, dividing them among the monthly meetings, or donating them to some other Friends or charitable organization. The advice of Friends who were involved in the quarterly meeting should be a major consideration in deciding how property is disposed of.

*Monthly meetings which do not belong to a quarterly meeting*

Originally, Illinois Yearly Meeting was organized so that all monthly meetings belonged to a quarterly meeting. The quarterly meetings formed a systematic intervening level between the monthly meetings and the yearly meeting; business, communications and finances passed between the monthly meetings and the yearly meeting through the quarterly meetings, which also played an important role in such matters as nominating the clerk of the yearly meeting and appointing the equivalent of the Continuing Committee.

For historical reasons, Illinois Yearly Meeting now includes a number of monthly meetings which are not part of a quarterly meeting. Such meetings may find that some of the functions of a quarterly meeting are well-served by Metropolitan Chicago General Meeting or other regional gatherings. However, business which is strictly internal to Illinois Yearly Meeting is not generally considered at such meetings.

Specifically, regional gatherings which are not quarterly meetings of Illinois Yearly Meeting may not set up or lay down a preparative meeting as part of Illinois Yearly Meeting. Nor does Illinois Yearly Meeting require that the approval of such gatherings be secured before a monthly meeting or quarterly meeting is set up or laid down as part of Illinois Yearly Meeting. Proposals for setting up or laying down meetings which are part of Illinois Yearly Meeting but not part of a quarterly meeting are directed to the Continuing Committee or to the yearly meeting; see 'Setting up, laying down and reaffiliation of monthly meetings', pp. xx-xx; 'Preparative meetings', pp. xx-xx; and 'Setting up and laying down quarterly meetings', pp. xx-xx.

Metropolitan Chicago General Meeting opened in 1970 "to continue the associational relationship formerly practiced by Chicago and Fox Valley Quarterly Meetings," two previously existing quarterly meetings which had been part of Western Yearly Meeting and Illinois Yearly Meeting, respectively. For some years previously, these two quarterly meetings had met in joint and concurrent sessions, conducting business pertaining to both yearly meetings, although not all the monthly meetings in these quarterlies were jointly affiliated.

It is clear from the records surrounding the establishment of Metropolitan Chicago General Meeting that it was formed with the intention of a "de-emphasizing of business except as the business of Friends is their concern with the social health of the World." Accordingly, it is not expected that Metropolitan Chicago General Meeting will deal with internal business of Illinois Yearly Meeting. Nonetheless, Metropolitan Chicago General Meeting approved the following statement shortly after its establishment:

“It is the practice of Chicago General Meeting to co-operate fully with both Western and Illinois Yearly Meetings in providing a channel for whatever reports are requested, and incorporating in the agenda of its Meetings for Business whatever communications or concerns either Yearly Meeting wishes to call to the attention of Friends in the General Meeting. This represents a continuation of the practice in the former association of the Chicago and Fox Valley Quarterly Meetings.”

The clerk of Metropolitan Chicago General Meeting serves as representative to the Continuing Committee of Illinois Yearly Meeting, just as the clerk of a quarterly meeting does. Traditionally, Metropolitan Chicago General Meeting has also heard readings of monthly meeting State of Society reports at its sessions, in similar fashion to a quarterly meeting.

**Appendix A: Sample Membership Record**

The following form may be used for keeping the membership records of a monthly meeting. This form is intended only as a sample; meetings should feel free to alter it or design their own forms, according to their needs.

Some meetings may not recognize all the categories of membership mentioned on the form, such as birthright membership and associate membership.

Some information included on the form, such as data about members’ families, may be useful but not strictly necessary for meetings to record. Meetings are urged to consider carefully what information to gather, and how much of this information they will regard as optional.



Meetings may receive requests for information in their records, from individuals researching their family histories or for other reasons. Clear policies should be adopted about when such information may be shared. These policies should be made clear to new members as they provide their data for the records.

### Membership Record

Record number: \_\_\_\_\_ Record closed   
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Previous name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

### Contact Information

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone number(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address(es): \_\_\_\_\_

### Admission Data

Date of Admission: \_\_\_\_\_  by birth or adoption  
 by application  
 by transfer from \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Type:  full  
 associate, expires on \_\_\_\_\_

**Termination Data**

Date of Termination: \_\_\_\_\_

- by death
- by release
- by transfer to \_\_\_\_\_

**Remarks:**

**Personal and Family Data**

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Is/was a member?

**Father's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Mother's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Marriage 1** to: \_\_\_\_\_   
Marriage Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

**Marriage 2** to: \_\_\_\_\_   
Marriage Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

**Marriage 3** to: \_\_\_\_\_   
Marriage Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

**Child/Stepchild 1:** \_\_\_\_\_   
Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

**Child/Stepchild 2:** \_\_\_\_\_   
Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

**Child/Stepchild 3:** \_\_\_\_\_   
Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

**Child/Stepchild 4:** \_\_\_\_\_   
Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

**Child/Stepchild 5:** \_\_\_\_\_   
Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Palestinian civil society organizations have asked for support of a boycott, divestment and sanctions action (BDS) against the Israeli occupation of Palestinian land, until Israel complies with international law. The St. Louis Religious Society of Friends affirms the nonviolent nature of the BDS movement and its support of the fundamental equality of all parties in this conflict. We see BDS as a challenge to discriminatory Israeli state policies that diminish the humanity of another people. It is a nonviolent challenge to political systems and institutions, not individuals, that deny the equality of Israeli Jews and Palestinians.

In keeping with this belief, St. Louis Meeting requests that the American Friends Service Committee approach TIAA-CREF, the company which invests their employee pension funds, to insist that they divest from companies providing military arms to Israel. These arms are being used to build the “separation” wall which in fact confiscates Palestinian land and water, to maintain and augment the illegal Jewish Israeli settlements on Palestinian lands, to enforce ethnic cleansing in East Jerusalem, to harass and kill Palestinian people in the West Bank and Gaza, and to maintain the apartheid system of unequal rights, depriving Palestinians of the rights guaranteed by the United Nations to all people.

These companies, in which TIAA-CREF invests, include Veolia, Elbit, Caterpillar, Motorola Solutions, and Northrop Grumman.

## THE THREE R'S (READING REDUCES RECIDIVISM) PROJECT

- A ONE-YEAR REPORT to ILYM - [3rsproject.org](http://3rsproject.org)

This project has the goal of reaching into the state's penal institutions to infuse new materials into the unfunded penal libraries and to make fruitful contact with legislators around the state on behalf of prisoners.

Our first chapter was formed August 31, 2010, in Oak Park/River Forest. They have made five deliveries of a van full of books to Dwight Women's prison. Other chapters that have delivered books are Charleston (EIU) to Robinson C.C. , Carbondale (SIU) to Vienna C.C., Springfield to Decatur C.C. and Urbana (Friends) to Danville C.C. Books have been collected also in Effingham, Evanston, Crystal Lake and Bloomington. Prison librarians awaiting books are Pontiac, Lawrence, Taylorville, and Shawnee.

Efforts from the interfaith group in Oak Park/River Forest have resulted in an invitation to come in to the Illinois Youth Detention Center in Chicago with volunteer-led reading groups, art, music, career counseling and sports programs. Efforts in Carbondale resulted in a book drive for Marion Federal Prison and another for the Tri-County Detention Center for immigrant detainees.

Finally, there is an initiative to write legislation to require that state-purchased books (in public colleges and universities and city libraries) be offered to the nearest penal institutions when the collections are being weeded. Also we are working to close the solitary confinement prison at Tamms, Illinois, on the grounds that prolonged solitary confinement is defined as torture by the Geneva conventions. These issues require work with our state legislators, all around the state.

- Barbara Kessel, Urbana-Champaign Friends Meeting



## MEMORIALS

### SHEILA M. CASSELLA

February 6, 1951- March 9, 2011

Sheila M. Cassella, 60, 1st place winner in Chicago's citywide adult spelling bee and proofreader and copyeditor, died March 9, 2011. Born to Tom McGann, a UPI news reporter, and Adele McGann, a proofreader, on Feb. 6, 1951, she was a graduate of Senn High School in Chicago. She followed in her mother's footsteps and worked as a proofreader at Scott Foresman Publishing, the American Hospital Association and the American Dental Association. In recent years, her freelance business included editing and proofreading for various publications. An avid literature and animal devotee, Sheila donated her time to the Chicago Public library and belonged to a Pug rescue group as well as the Treehouse Association.

She was a member of Evanston Monthly Meeting of Friends (Quakers) and for years was active, teaching Sunday School on a regular basis. As such, she was the recipient of the Evanston Friends Meeting Vision Keepers Award for her dedicated work with animals.

However, after the unexpected death of her dear husband Bob Cassella, Sheila withdrew from attending Meeting, and there were many within the meeting who didn't know her. A victim of epilepsy, Sheila was unable to drive and it was necessary for her to depend on several of her Meeting Friends to get her where she wanted and needed to go. The suicide death of her father following the death of her mother two years earlier drained her spiritual energies and caused her great sadness for some time.

She loved traveling, was a good listener and a loyal friend to many. She is re-

She loved traveling, was a good listener and a loyal friend to many. She is remembered for her warmth and generosity, her crocheting gifts, her cooking and her haiku-writing. She was a member of the local Red Hat Society and was affectionately known by many as "Bubbles". She is survived by uncles Ed Whalen and his wife Betsy, Bill Whalen and his wife Lorraine, aunts Margaret Petrocelli and Constance McGann, and many cousins, as well as her beloved pets, pug Paddy and cats Pauline and Harry.

A memorial and celebration of her life was held by several at the home of one of her friends in Wilmette, IL.

#### ELINOR FALLERT

Our good friend, Elinor Fallert, died on December 17, 2010 at the age of 89. She was a part of the Oak Park Friends Meeting community for over forty years, and exemplified the Quaker testimonies of equality, integrity, simplicity, peace and community.

Elinor Fallert was born on a farm in southern Indiana. After graduating from college, she taught high school in the St. Louis area. Then she moved to Chicago, where she worked as an assistant librarian in a bank's special library until she married. She and her husband, Richard, had two children: Bruce and Rosemary. When the children were fairly young, the family moved to the Oak Park home where Elinor lived for the rest of her life. Elinor also had two grandchildren, Heidi and Logan, who were her pride and joy.

After her children were raised, Elinor worked for open housing in Oak Park. She also worked in downtown Chicago for Meyer Weinberg, who published the



magazine *Integrated Education*, until the magazine moved to the east. She then worked for William Lloyd, a Quaker, who published a newsletter called *Toward Freedom*, devoted to securing freedom for countries in Africa, until that publication moved to Vermont.

Through the years, Elinor continued her volunteer work for a number of organizations, including the Central America Action Coalition, Amnesty International, ASSIST (which helps elderly people in their homes and provides transportation), and as a hospice volunteer for the Visiting Nurses Association. Some of these organizations met in her home. In 1989 she was named Volunteer of the Year by an Oak Park volunteer organization. In recent years she became more limited in her activities from the results of a stroke and heart attack, and eventually ill health caused her to remain at home under the care of her home health nurse and the assistance of her children.

Elinor traveled widely in Europe, including Russia, and also in El Salvador, Turkey and China. In fact, it was while she and her husband were on their way to Egypt in 1983 that Richard became ill on the island of Rhodes. They returned to Oak Park, but he passed away two weeks later. His memorial service was held at Unity Temple under the auspices of Oak Park Friends Meeting.

Elinor became interested in Quakerism in the mid-1960s, after having been active in the Methodist church. She was attracted to Quakerism's receptiveness to racial equality, among other reasons. For the past forty years, Elinor worshiped with Oak Park Friends Meeting. She was very active in the Meeting, and hosted New Year's Eve at her home for a number of years. Whenever she perceived that the Meeting was neglecting its service activities, she gently encouraged Friends to become active again. She graced OPFM Meeting with her gifts of friendliness, wisdom and service, and we were fortunate to have her in our midst for so many years.

### HERBERT GOLDHOR, 1917-2011

Herbert Goldhor, 94, died March 29, 2011, at home in Seattle, Washington, where he had lived since 2004, after having spent most of his adult life in Champaign.

He was born on Feb. 8, 1917, in Newark, N.J., the fourth child of Adolph and Dora Balshan Goldhor. In May, 1948, he married Dr. Eleanor Cheydleur, whom he met at the Urbana-Champaign Friends Meeting. They had four children (Jonathan, Richard, Beth and Barbara) and later 11 grandchildren, all of whom are still living. After Eleanor died in 1988, Herbert rediscovered his childhood sweetheart, Ruth H. Schwartz from New Jersey, and married her. They enjoyed 15 wonderful years together, living abroad in various countries, including England, France, Denmark, Canada and New Zealand, until Ruth died in 2004.

Dr. Goldhor's career as a librarian began in 1943 when he received a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago's Graduate Library School. After serving in Europe during World War II, he joined the Library School faculty of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where he remained for six years (1946-1951). In 1952, he moved to Indiana, to become the chief librarian of the Evansville and Vanderburgh County Public Library, a job that he thoroughly enjoyed for 10 years.

He then returned to Urbana-Champaign to direct the Library School 1962-1978, during which time he also taught graduate courses and published numerous articles and two books. In 1975 he became director of the school's Library Research Center, a position he held until his retirement in 1987. During this time he directed an

evaluation of the library system in Illinois prisons and juvenile detention centers, which resulted in the significant finding that most books in the higgledy-piggledy prison library collections were outdated and written for a high school or college literacy level -- and most prisoners were illiterate. The report recommended that prison libraries provide more books with information conveyed pictorially.

He seldom attended worship, but retained a strong commitment to the work of the meeting, often serving on Ministry and Oversight committee. Thus, two Friends recall that he was on the clearness committee for their membership in meeting. One of them recalls that the only question he asked her was, "Are you prepared to support the meeting financially?" It was a very good question, and one she has never heard asked at any of the many other clearness committees for membership she has participated in since.

Throughout his career, he believed strongly that public libraries, access to information and ideas, and continued learning were essential to a democratic society. One Friend recalls that he was clerk of the meeting's library committee, and when she was checking in books and updating the card file on Thursday afternoons, he would drop in to offer her advice and direction. He never lost his sense of excitement about books—another Friend recalls that he served on the clearness committee for her marriage. He was silent throughout the committee meeting—until the very end, when he asked her and her intended, "Are you aware of the meeting's library?"

Dr. Goldhor enjoyed health and strength for most of his 94 years. When he was 84 years old, he and his wife Ruth hiked to the bottom of the Grand Canyon, spent the night at Phantom Ranch, and hiked out the next day. To train for this endeavor, they walked up and down the stairs of the Century 21 building in Champaign. Dr. Goldhor was still working out at the local gym a few weeks before his death.

He had a positive, open attitude towards life and was interested in learning and experiencing new things. He had a great sense of humor, including the saying in later years, "I am always quite relieved when I read the obituaries in the paper to NOT find my name there!" Well, now his name is here. Yes, Herbert Goldhor's life on earth has ended and he will be greatly missed. However, his love for books and his positive influence at both the personal and professional level will live on, and in this way his name will be remembered fondly by many.

### VIRGINIA ANN JOHNSON

1939-2010

Virginia Ann Johnson was born on October 1, 1939, and died of cardiac arrest on August 21, 2010. Her parents were Ralph (deceased) and Eleanor Johnson of Evanston, Illinois.

On Ginny's first birthday the family moved from an apartment on Greenleaf Street in Evanston to a duplex on Pitner Street. In 1944, they bought a house on Colfax Street in a neighborhood known as "The Back Lot." This turned out to be an ideal place to grow up.

Ginny had two younger brothers, Dick and Steve. The family was also blessed to have Uncle Walter and Aunt Marge Johnson living nearby with their four sons. Ginny loved the family get-togethers.

She was a happy little girl. She loved to be read to, and she had an excellent memory. By the time she was 2 1/2 years old she could recite the poem "'twas the night before Christmas."

Ginny attended Evanston Meeting of Friends (Quakers) with her parents from the time she was a baby. Later on, she participated in the Woman's Society activities and helped out in the meeting library. She was still a member of Evanston Meeting at the time of her death.

Ginny was active in a Brownie troop and then a Girl Scout troop, and she particularly enjoyed attending Camp Windego, a Girl Scout Camp in Wisconsin. She served as a counselor there one summer.

After graduation from Evanston Township High School, she attended Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana, graduating in 1961 with a major in political science. After a short period of employment at Encyclopedia Britannica she decided to become a librarian and received a Master's Degree in Library Science from the University of Minnesota. Ginny worked as a librarian at the University of Nebraska for two years and then became a reference librarian at Upper Iowa College in Fayette, Iowa, for ten years.

In spite of a series of physical problems which kept her from continuing her career, she did the best she could to keep busy. She confronted her physical problems with grace, seldom complaining as she maintained an optimistic attitude.

She was a good bridge player and enjoyed participating in family games, particularly with her brothers and their children. With her remarkable store of knowledge, she was a formidable Trivial Pursuit player. She also liked spectator sports and was a great fan of the Chicago Cubs.

Her father died in 2000, and in 2009 Virginia and her mother moved to Westminster place at the Presbyterian Homes in Evanston where they happily became a part of a caring community.

Survivors include her mother, Eleanor; brothers Dick and Steve; sisters-in-law

Andrea and Judy; four nieces, two nephews, one great niece and one great nephew; eight first cousins and their families. A Memorial Service was held in the Chapel of Westminster Place on Wednesday, September 1, 2010 - 3:30 P.M. She will be missed by family and F/friends.

### GEORGE MCCOY

George McCoy, a longtime member of 57th Street Meeting of Friends, died peacefully May 6, 2011, at the Renaissance Nursing Home in Hillside, Illinois. George was born May 3, 1923, in Chicago, to George Katzmann and Estelle McCoy Katzmann. He grew up in the context of a segregated Chicago and among relatives with ethnic intolerances who suggested he would benefit from moving to Germany and joining Hitler's Youth Movement. The wrongness of this thinking led him to be determined to live a life of equality, resource-sharing and speaking out. George met Judith Davis when they were both attending Morgan Park High School. They married in 1944. Soon after being married, George took on his mother's maiden name, McCoy, so as to distance himself from the views of his father's relatives.

While he was in the Army Air Corps during World War II, he was sent to Haverford College for meteorology training. There he met Rufus Jones, who "lit my candle," as George said. George often spoke of conversing with Rufus while they would walk together across the campus of Haverford. It was at Haverford that George became a convinced Friend, as did Judy. After training at Haverford, George was sent to Guam to serve as a weatherman, a non-combatant position.

Following George's discharge from the Army Air Corps, George returned to Chicago and Judy. They joined Chicago Monthly Meeting, and George became very active in Friends' organizations. He worked as a financial consultant, but estimated that 60% of his time was spent in Quaker work. George believed that intelligent, sustained citizen involvement and pressure could make a difference in the public order. He lived out a Quaker approach to social justice based on engaging public officials and speaking our sense of Truth to their responsibility for Power. George was an enthusiastic supporter of FCNL, going to Washington in the 1950s to lobby against Universal Military Training. George, Chester Graham, and George Watson created the local group Illinois-Wisconsin Friends on Legislation. He and Judy both worked on social issues with the AFSC.

When George and Judy moved to Hyde Park in 1982, George transferred his membership in the Religious Society of Friends to 57th Street Meeting of Friends. There, he worked on, variously, the Ministry & Counsel Committee, Stewardship Committee, and always on the Peace & Social Concerns Committee. He also served as meeting representative to Western Yearly Meeting and served for many years on their Board of Peace and Christian Social Concerns.

George is remembered for his passionate, and sometimes lengthy, vocal ministry. His messages were often related to peace or social justice, but never completely detached from a sense of spiritual mandate and guidance.

George was active, also, in other groups that worked on peace and social justice issues. He was a founding member of Business and Professional People in the Public Interest (BPI) in Chicago, and served for many years on its board of directors. He also served on the board of the Chicago ACLU.

George and Judy had three children: Peter, Robert, and Marion. George was

shattered by the death of his son, Peter, in a sailing accident in 1980. He was additionally grief-stricken when his beloved wife Judy died in 1991 of leukemia. He spoke often of these two sad events. He spoke often, also, of his great joy in his children Robert and Marion (Taffy), and of his granddaughter, Peter's daughter Lara.

George was fond of calling himself "the most enthusiastic Quaker in America." Those who knew him, and his great commitment to Quakers and Quaker institutions, know that he was probably not far off in his estimation.

#### DOROTHY PREVO

Dorothy Prevo, 86, a member of Lake Forest Friends Meeting (LFFM) since 1991, died of natural causes in Northbrook, IL, on October 24, 2010. Formerly of Glencoe, IL, Dorothy is survived by her children: Gregory, Suzanne, and James, and four grandchildren: Kelly, Matt, Ryan, and Michael. She also is survived by a loving sister, Suzanne Lundy.

Dorothy's Quaker roots date back to 1635 when her ancestors, Thomas and Sarah Macy and their three children emigrated from the parish of Chilmark near Salisbury, England, to Massachusetts. After Massachusetts passed laws in the 1650s banishing Quakers from the colony, Thomas Macy and nine other Quakers in 1659 signed a deed to purchase the island of Nantucket which was under the jurisdiction of New York. There, on their relatively isolated island, Quakers were able to practice their faith and their primary occupation – whaling – without persecution.

Religious freedom and tolerance of different views within the Quaker faith remained important to many of Thomas Macy's descendants, including Dorothy. Born



in Bangor, Iowa, Dorothy Maybee was the older of two daughters. Her father was a school superintendent for many years before he took up farming. Dorothy received a B.S. degree in biochemistry at Iowa State University and her Masters and PhD in the same subject at the University of California at Berkeley. While working on her PhD in biochemistry, she worked at the university doing cancer research and had several scientific papers published.

In 1954, Dorothy married Don Prevo under the care of Bangor Friends Meeting. She and Don then moved to Chicago where Don was a clinical chemist and Dorothy held teaching appointments at Northwestern and the University of Illinois Medical Center. After Dorothy's three children were born in consecutive years in the mid 1950s, Dorothy worked as a consultant and director of the lab where Don worked. They retired in 1988 and spent many happy winter months on Anna Maria Island near Sarasota. Dorothy transferred her membership from Bangor Meeting to the Lake Forest Meeting in 1991.

Dorothy loved the LFFM's early morning discussion groups where different viewpoints were expressed and accepted. Always interested in expanding her knowledge of her Quakerism, Dorothy was also keenly interested in history, travel, reading, and spending time with her grandchildren, friends and Friends. Her beaming smile was always a joy to behold, and everyone who knew her quickly recognized and appreciated the caring, kind, and intelligent manner in which she related to other people.

#### CAMERON B. SATTERTHWAITE, 1921-2011

Cameron B. Satterthwaite died May 28, 2011, at his home in Clark Lindsey Village, Urbana, Illinois, after a long illness. He was a lifelong Quaker. He was born in

age, Urbana, Illinois, after a long illness. He was a lifelong Quaker. He was born in Salem, Ohio, and raised on the family homestead two miles south of Salem. His secondary school years were spent at Olney Friends School, in Barnesville, Ohio. He earned his undergraduate degree in Chemistry at the College of Wooster. During World War II he worked on the Manhattan District Project in Dayton, Ohio. In 1951 he received a PhD degree in chemistry from the University of Pittsburgh. It was in Pittsburgh that he married Helen Foster in 1950.

He was involved in low temperature research on superconductivity. In 1961 he was invited to join the physics department at the University of Illinois as an associate professor. He took early retirement from the UI to become chair of the physics department at Virginia Commonwealth University from 1979 to 1985. His experimental research helped point the way to the theory of superconductivity. His research group contributed to the understanding of metal hydrides, including the discovery of superconductivity in thorium hydride.

When Ken and Janet Southwood first arrived in Urbana 44 years ago and attended meeting for the first time, Cam and Helen came and spoke to them after meeting. They then took them, and their three children, for a short drive through Urbana to show them some places we might find useful. One of these was Huey's, the ramshackle old hardware store down at Five Points. Cam said that it wasn't handsome but its prices were good. Ken used it frequently after that and remembered Cam's advice, long after Huey's disappeared. Cam was their kind and caring friend.

Cam had a lifelong interest in politics, government and world affairs. He attended the Democratic National Conventions of 1968, 1972 and 2000. He chaired the Federation of American Scientists, and testified before Republican and Democratic

platform committees advocating an anti-ballistic missile treaty. He was a field secretary for the Friends Committee on National Legislation. He was secretary of the Urbana Free Library Foundation while funds were being raised for the expansion of the library building.

Merlin Taber was having lunch with Cam; these lunches usually involved anti-war politics. Cam said, "Merlin, what do you think of attaching people's names to public buildings and projects?" Merlin said he never thought about it much. Cam did not want the Satterthwaite name to appear on the Urbana Library addition, even though Cam was chair of the committee and also contributed heavily. Merlin commented that the Satterthwaite family has given very much in service and leadership to this community, but Cam still insisted the naming was not appropriate. He was against his name appearing at all, but since others on the committee were not, he did not want to be too insistent about it. Today I think we see the result in the library entrance: mention of Satterthwaite, but not a prominent mention. This illustrates Helen's and Cam's (and their children's) dedication to unselfish public service, which has benefited Urbana-Champaign Friends Meeting as well as the community and State.

Cam is survived by his wife Helen, their children Mark Cameron Satterthwaite, Tod Foster (Beth) Satterthwaite, Tracy Lynn Satterthwaite, and Keith Alan Satterthwaite. A son, Craig Evan Satterthwaite, preceded him in death; his sister, Elma Hinkhouse, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren also survive.

Carrie Melin always admired Cam's push for fairness and equality in politics and in particular, how candidates raise funds for their campaigns. He was a sweet, honest man with a beautiful smile and twinkle in his eyes. He will be missed.



## STATES OF SOCIETY

### BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL

Many hands make light work. The meeting feels lifted by the presence and energy of several new attenders. This not only makes our work light in the sense of easier, it also charges that work/prayer with increased joy and spirit—the other kind of “light.” We appreciate how in many contexts our work is our prayer.

Some of our Meetings for Worship feel more “held” and others more individualized. A return to community action (see below) as a meeting feels to us a profound source of energy for the meeting. Our Meetings for Worship are more often silent than not. We recognize that the centering of a Meeting can be easily disrupted. Our Meeting has fairly consistently read aloud Quaker queries on the first Sunday of each month. We regard all these developments as a sort of Meeting pulse, an authentic reflection of Friends whose gathered experience varies from week to week.

We are working to educate children, teenagers, and adults in the Meeting; people in the Meeting are receptive to requests for spiritual nurturance. Our one active teenager has helped push us to enact the Quaker testimonies of peace and service and speaking truth to power. That teenager also attended her first IYM Quake in January 2011. In recognition of young Friends’ needs for sustained and continuing programs, we formed a “Religious Education Faculty” that met once during the past year and has plans to meet again soon. First Day School has served as many as six young members, attenders, and visitors simultaneously and has striven to meet their diverse needs.

We have appreciated enhanced communication and community with the Spoon River Friends Meeting. This year we were gifted with visits from several Friends

river Friends meeting. This year we were gifted with visits from several Friends, including David Finke, Mariellen Gilpin, Beth Schobernd, Roy Treadway, Megan Devlin-Petty, Andrew Burt-Stout, and Julie Gregario. Several of our members and attenders have been active in Illinois Yearly Meeting (e.g., running the craft tent and contributing napkins and napkin-rings for decorating) and Blue River Quarterly Meeting (leading religious education for children); another member (Larry Stout) continues service on IYM's Faith and Practice Committee. Sometimes the extended Quaker community asks our meeting to provide services we struggle to adequately deliver.

Our treasurer, Christina Schulz, helps us to keep track of our financial resources and to meet our financial obligations to IYM. We have a robust Quaker lending library going among members. Meeting records need more attention and stewardship.

Members and attenders of our meeting tend to uphold and enact Quaker testimonies regarding simplicity, justice, stewardship of the earth, and peacemaking in individual ways, while also sharing ideas for action in discussion with each other. Travels by several members (e.g., to the Dominican Republic, to the Arctic) have brought back to the meeting—and to the broader community—heightened awareness of poverty, injustice, and fragile ecosystems. We expect upcoming travels by some members (e.g., to Palestine and Israel) will continue this productive awareness of how Quaker values can be carried forth through the world. Our meeting celebrated Governor Quinn's abolition of the death penalty in the state of Illinois, an issue on which Larry Stout has been active for many years (working with many others, both Quakers and non-Quakers, across the state).

One of our members (Kevin Suess) has been working on a web site (<http://bnquakers.wordpress.com/>) for the meeting, which enhances the meeting's visibility. Our increasing support of the Unity Center ("a multicultural Out of School Time center that provides programming for youth of families with limited resources" in Normal, IL) helps to make our meeting more active (and more visible) in serving some of the needy in our community. Service is an important component of religious education, and it is multi-generational. As a modest-sized meeting, we want to take care that we take on efforts we can sustain—and that will sustain us.

### CLEAR CREEK

It is not a secret that Clear Creek has a natural affinity for the buildings on the Illinois Yearly Meeting site. We enjoy grabbing screwdrivers, paintbrushes, brooms and cloths to spend several blissful hours repairing or cleaning wood cupboards, floors and banisters. This year we moved awkward mattresses and beds up tight stairways with improbable odds of reaching targeted bedrooms. We painted the inside of cupboards, hung pamphlet shelves, borrowed help from Kyle Wilson (Clancy Wilson's grandnephew) to haul a giant bookcase into the library. As usual, Dick Ashdown's red truck was invaluable in moving the mattresses, box springs and bookcase from Beth Schobernd's house to Clear Creek House. We also rolled a heavy safe that has been stored in the library closet slowly out over flattened boxes onto Dick's truck. On the same day, we picked up a beautiful oak table donated by Dick and hauled it from his house into the library.

Our focus on Clear Creek House repairs and furnishing dominated our thoughts and activities this year. We volunteered time, effort and thought to create a more comfortable and cozy environment that complements the completed renovation. At

comfortable and cozy environment that complements the completed renovation. At some point, we began to feel that our care for the building had nudged away time spent on our spiritual program. With this in mind, we decided to turn our attention away from building activities for a while to regain our sense of identity as a lively spiritual community.

Our year was warmed by the gentle influence and activities of our Young Friends and Adult Young Friends.

Claire and Laure Goode reminded us how much fun we had in the fall when we crushed and squeezed apples through an old fashion cider press. They asked to repeat this fun event this past fall. It was a wonderful example of how our Young Friends influence the spirit of our community.

When Carol Bartles returned from her visit to Andrew Bartles, in Lebanon, she gave an account of his volunteer work at an orphanage founded by the French and his attendance at a very old Quaker meeting associated with a Friends school. The members there have asked him to represent their Meeting at the World Gathering in Africa next year. His courage in engaging with an international community reminds us to remain open to new experiences.

Spring was just peeking around the corner when we received news of the birth of Rose Dennis's baby boy, Milo James Johnson. We were thrilled when after a short rest she and Milo visited our Meeting. We could barely take our eyes off his peaceful face. A baby shower was held in his honor and on that day, Margie Haworth-Davis and her baby, Sam Davis, also visited our Meeting. It was as if we had a double blessing.



Zoe Rei began publishing “The Quake” which is a magazine for Adult Young Friends. It is her hope to provide this space for expression to all Adult Young Friends within all the Quaker branches. We are excited to witness this creative union with the Adult Young Friends and look forward to reading what they have to say.

Sara Raffensperger is going through the long transition between her last busy year of high school and the prospect of leaving this coming fall for college. She is looking forward to assisting Scott Greenler with an F.G.C. extreme Frisbee workshop this coming summer. Her gentle humor is always a welcome presence in our midst.

Kiva Schobernd’s delight in speaking with honest expression and her appreciation for celebrating life lightens our hearts. We especially enjoyed hearing of her dancing in the rain with her fellow girl scouts while they sold cookies.

Zara Schobernd is our youngest Friend. She moves with a gentle manner and kindness toward animals that reminds us that quiet actions can speak effectively. These Young Friends have been a blessing to our hearts as their presence, whether near or far away, infuses our gathering with quiet joy and hope for the future life of our Meeting.

#### COLUMBIA FRIENDS MEETING

In considering how the Life of the Spirit has fared among us during 2010, we gladly report that its fruits of Joy and Love continue to prevail among us. We find this in our worship, our witness in the world, and our organizational life.

We find a sense of being more knit together through our central act of Waiting Worship, which many experience as truly Gathered. Patience and friendship grow slowly, but perceptibly. We were free from the need to address inappropriate behavior.

101. A testimony to the commitment to Meeting is found in a very high participation rate when we attend to Business, which is orderly and worshipful. For a number of months we had a small but regular midweek Meeting downtown, although we never succeeded in expanding beyond our own numbers. The desire to deepen our encounters with the Divine and with each other led to establishment of a Spiritual Friends group.

There were several Silent Retreats at the meetinghouse during the year. Meetings for Learning, monthly Fun Nights, and Cleaning Days all have been opportunities to get to know each other better.

Although attendance by children remained spotty, we are prepared for them, welcome them, and are blessed when they can attend.

When we look at our presence in the wider community, we see a number of events: We continue to be strongly involved in peace witness and opposition to capital punishment. The weekly peace vigil at the Post Office is in its 27th year. Assisting homeless and hungry people through gifts of cash, food, materials, and time occurs through 4 different organizations. Having an attractive table and literature at Earth Day and the Sustainability Fair provides an annual opportunity for visibility of our concerns, and sometimes leads to visitors worshiping with us.

And this year we had a qualitatively new opportunity. Following some years of conflict over GLBT issues and a lengthy period of self-examination, we found ourselves clear to participate willingly and joyously with a table at PrideFest, sponsored by "The Center Project," which also has shared speakers with us. Two Friends substantially helped plan and carry out an Interfaith Worship at this event, broadening

our sense of connectedness with various marginalized peoples and other faith communities.

We've found it's important for us to be linked with Friends from beyond Columbia. This was the year when we began regular monthly intervisitation and worship with a small group of Quakers in Fayette (about 30 miles distant.) We have had friendly correspondence with Pat Wixom, whose presence we miss and for whom we had a celebratory send-off party. We hosted a regional "Salt and Light" event coordinated by Friends World Committee for Consultation, benefiting from insights by Quakers from Ireland and North Carolina on confronting conflict. We were energized in arranging housing, food, and fellowship for 22 Friends attending ILYM's spring Continuing Committee.

The tradition of having Visiting Friends who travel in the ministry is being revived among us. At the beginning of the year we launched an adult curriculum on "Engaging Early Friends," introduced by its author Helene Pollock from Philadelphia, who also showed us the benefit of in-home "Opportunities" for prayer and personal consultation. Twice we had Mariellen Gilpin from ILYM's Ministry and Advancement committee as she led us in a retreat and also Early Friends study. These relationships of love and support continue to bless us.

While we mostly want to report satisfactions, there are also long-standing challenges for which we ask Friends to hold us in The Light. Our meeting is aging, and we're unsure how well we can provide for each other's physical needs. While worship may be satisfying to those attending, we are not experiencing numerical growth, although visitors continue to find us via the Internet. The ratio of active member/attenders to the number of our committee positions is some cause for concern, and we wonder if we're wearing people out. We've wondered whether a shared local

project could give us greater cohesiveness as to goals and identity. In terms of our physical space, we have rearranged the library for greater ease of use and comfort. But we also realize our Meetinghouse has limitations to which we're beginning to give more focused attention. We identified some issues and choices in the fall and now are looking forward to gaining outside help in the year to come.

We appreciate having this regular reflection on how well we respond to the promptings of God's Spirit, and we will welcome Friends assisting us in becoming more faithful.

## DUNELAND

Duneland continues to be a small Meeting with a significant number of Friends with aging and health-related challenges. Nonetheless, it has also seen a growth in young Friends attending regularly and bringing their energy, inquisitiveness, and their own emerging discovery of the presence of the Spirit in their life and ours. Despite our small numbers we have been very active with Metropolitan Chicago General Meeting and Illinois Yearly Meeting. We have 13 regular adults attending and four children. Like any other small meeting, however, we have struggled to find ways to keep our distinctive Quaker structure and practices, without overwhelming our members. We have taken very seriously our call to be faithful to what is expected of a Monthly Meeting, while adapting to our limited size.

At one time we acknowledged how long it had been since we had met with a concern for business and for this reason, we queried and reflected on our faithfulness to the meeting community. We asked whether we had been faithful to our idea of

taking time to record in our Meeting Journal when we gather for any meeting function – potluck, adult religious education, First Day School meetings, for instance. We agreed that it would be preferable to record together at the time of the gathering rather than to have someone record after the fact. We recalled that we have been faithful to our commitment to hold worship at the Youth Services Bureau every Sunday, including potluck Sundays. It was suggested that excerpts from the Meeting Journal be included in our minutes so that they can be approved and recorded more formally.

**First Day School/Young Friends:** Duneland enjoyed an ever growing Meeting for Worship this year. Our First Day School now includes 4 children who regularly attend along with 3 children who attend less often. Marlou encouraged us to investigate the possibility of using the Godly Play curriculum and the Meeting is considering how Godly Play might be used in our First Day School setting.

Young Friends, Emily Pavlovic and Nathan Pavlovic, further their education at Earlham College and Gobabeb Training and Research Centre in Namibia, respectively. Emily is a first year college student and Nathan earned a graduate fellowship from Grinnell College.

**Adult Religious Education:** “Quakerism 101” evolved from our Fellowship Sunday which was held on the 4th First Day of the month. During 2010 the meeting continued its practice of coming together every other month on most occasions, to discuss a topic of spiritual interest to Friends. This is a continuation of the “Quakerism 101” series from 2009. The lively discussions were led by a Friend with everyone making contributions. These opportunities for growth were held after Meeting for Worship and included a light lunch provided by an attending Friend. The intent of these encounters was to seek truth through worship, fellowship, and education.

consistent with the lead of the Spirit.

Spiritual topics have thus far included The Dark Night of the Soul, led by Fernando Freire and Roxy Jacobs, Quaker Perspectives on Suffering, led by Sandy Huntley and Pat Lucas, and Quaker Perspectives of Forgiveness. Suggestions made for future topics include: Parenting and Quakerism, Quakerism in daily life, Paul Buckley on Quaker history relevant to our daily lives, and Noel's plan to lead a session on global change (based on an FWCC initiative).

A Bible study is another important gathering of our community. Bible study meets twice monthly at Marlou Carlson's home.

**Outreach / Website:** Roxy Jacobs led our community outreach efforts, helping Spring Valley Homeless Shelter with periodic donations of clothing, toiletries, cleaning supplies, and other much needed items until the shelter closed its doors during the year.

Friends agreed that the Meeting should have a simple website, with at least our location, phone number, meeting times, and contact information. At the same time, we need to maintain communication with those who do not use electronic communications.

We noted that our conversation has turned toward taking care of each other, reaching out to others, and how we let new attenders feel welcome with us. We were reminded that most people feel most welcome when they have a role in the community in which they can make a contribution. We recognized that our conversation was a continuation of the thought raised by ILYM Field Secretary Paul Buckley that Meetings too focused on themselves and their internal tensions are not welcoming to

newcomers. As we welcome new Friends to our community, we need to be mindful to avoid tension or difficulties that might arise as a community experiences growth and change.

We were mindful that we do not have a formal process as to how we follow up with visitors or attenders. Historically, Noel often sends an e-mail to visitors. Roxy volunteered to write personal notes to people who might have an interest in our Meeting, if Friends give her names.

**Ministry and Advancement:** Toward the end of 2010 our Field Secretary Paul Buckley asked our Meeting to host one of several retreats sponsored by ILYM's Ministry and Advancement Committee. The Meeting agreed to provide the space at a Friend's home on March 12, 2011.

### 57TH STREET

In the past year we have experienced a decline in attendance and energy. The experience of meeting for worship, which is at the core of our faith community, is good. Likewise the fellowship during First Day activities is nurturing for both regular attenders and visitors. While there is low attendance at meetings for worship and infrequent vocal ministry, the gathered presence at meeting for worship is strong. The decline in attendance seems not to be so much due to a loss of regular attenders but due to regular attenders coming to worship fewer times per month.

Over the past year, we have expanded our First Day School program from two times to three times a month and expect to start a Fifth Sunday multigenerational program. A variety of adult programs have been offered related to religious education and spiritual development. We continue our involvement with the Hyde Park and Kenwood Interfaith Council and other community activities as guided by our

and Kenwood Interfaith Council and other community activities as guided by our Peace and Social Concerns Committee.

We have taken this period of decline in attendance and energy as an opportunity to reflect upon our lives and ministries as a spiritual community and are seeing this process as aiding our spiritual growth and understanding as individuals and as a faith community. Concerns about programming have been raised in terms of availability, content and participation. While there is a core of people who do various aspects of committee work and service of the meeting, questions we have been pondering are “How is that work and service draining energy?” and “How might that work and service come to be related to nurturing or recharging energy?” We are continuing our intentional process of reflecting on the spiritual life of the meeting and following where that leads us.

#### LAKE FOREST

How open are we to the movement of the Holy Spirit? This question lies at the heart of any assessment of a Friends meeting. As befits Quaker testimonies, the question is best addressed in a spirit of simplicity. In that spirit, this epistle will focus more on general matters than particular details.

Vocal ministry has been relatively infrequent of late, with the Sunday worship hour being entirely silent on a good number of occasions. Many members and attenders, although pleased with the depth of most of our vocal ministry, would like there to be more of it. Still, the profound silence of waiting worship, both at Sunday Meeting for Worship and at Midweek Meeting on Thursday mornings, is prized by us all. Although we deeply value the centrality of Meeting for Worship in our cor-



porate religious life, late entrants into the meeting room and conversations outside of it during worship testify to occasional laxity in our expression of that value.

Attendance at Meeting for Worship on Sunday has declined noticeably in recent years. State of Society reports from the 1990s and early 2000s indicate that attendance regularly averaged 40 or more. Nowadays there are rarely as many as 40 members and attenders on any given Sunday, with attendance averaging about 25-30. This reflects the general trend among unprogrammed Friends, but it might nevertheless merit the focused attention of our meeting.

Few of our regular attenders are of minor age, although care for the youngest among us continues to be manifest and spiritually grounded. We hope that more of the younger generation will join us soon. If they do, those in our midst who are led to serve as First Day School teachers will provide lovingly for them, as they have amply demonstrated in recent years. Such care is vital, for our children represent the future of the Religious Society of Friends.

Attendance at meetings for business averages about 17, a healthy number by contemporary Quaker standards. Business meeting is blessed by our Presiding Clerk's good-hearted, Spirit-led clerking. Her gift for melding disparate views into a sense of the meeting is especially noteworthy. However, our attempt to conduct all of our business in 80 minutes or less each month presents spiritual challenges that transcend the competence of any presiding clerk. Business meetings may resume after the rise of Meeting for Worship, but that is not widely desired and seldom takes place. Thus, although business meetings always begin with waiting worship, such worship rarely occurs during the meetings themselves. This raises the question of how Spirit-led such time-constrained meetings can be, although that is a question we do not often discuss.

For the most part, spiritual community abounds among us. We strive to bear each others' burdens in a world in which doing so is not sufficiently valued. That ministry is the special province of the Pastoral Care Committee, which undertakes it lovingly and effectively. It is also manifested by others who transport their fellow worshippers to the Meeting House, listen patiently to a Friend in pain, and otherwise "go the extra mile" without being asked.

We bear the burdens of those outside of the meeting in several ways, for example through our ongoing monetary and personal support of the PADS homeless shelter. However, we could wish for more evidence of our distinctive Quaker witness to those outside the walls of our Meeting House. Allie Walton's observation a quarter-century ago that "we seem to be just a caring, rather private social group" instead of "a 'presence' in our larger communities" still largely holds true today.

Early Friends encouraged their fellow worshippers not to become attached to particular buildings, contending that God's voice could be heard wherever people of faith gathered in worship and listened with care. Nevertheless, we readily admit to cherishing our Meeting House. We enter it with reverence, feeling divinely served by the building that has long been a sanctuary for all of us who call Lake Forest Friends Meeting our spiritual home.

#### NORTHSIDE

Northside Friends Meeting has gained strength and vitality in the past year and the number of regular attenders has steadily increased. This increase in numbers has led us to consider the way in which we prepare our space for Meeting. We have des-

ignated the time from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. each First Day as a preparatory Gathering Time for worship, during which all are encouraged to assist with readying the space both physically and spiritually. Northside Friends Meeting holds Meeting for Worship at 10:00 a.m. every First Day at the Japanese American Service Committee and every Fourth Day in the home of a member or regular attender.

Friends find a tangible experience of The Divine in Meeting for Worship and many meetings feel truly gathered. One Friend describes a sense of “a community in silence”. As in any healthy community, there are times when each individual helps to support the silence and other times when they are held and supported by the meeting. Friends feel an openness at Northside that allows them to feel safe: both physically safe in their environment and spiritually and emotionally safe in their identity.

Meetings for Business have maintained a sense of worship throughout this past year. When difficult or weighty topics arise, they are given proper time and consideration. We have seen a few new faces at Meetings for Business, although the meetings are mainly attended by a small core group. Many Friends serve on multiple committees, and some concern has been raised about not overburdening these dedicated Friends. We continue to seek way forward regarding this concern.

In the meantime, there is much work to be done! Two new standing committees have been introduced: Hospitality and Finance. The Peace and Social Justice Ad Hoc Committee has begun work with Reading Reduces Recidivism to collect and deliver donated books to prison libraries. A number of clearness and support committees have been active as Friends have turned to the meeting for formal support in facing their personal challenges.

Individual Friends continue to support each other in small and large ways. On several occasions, groups of Friends attended a theatre production a fellow Friend

was involved in. When the family of a member's partner lost their livelihood in a hurricane, individuals in the meeting contributed nearly \$2000 to help.

We continue to hold second-hour sharings and discussions following First Day meeting. We were honored to have Glenn Neumann continue a meeting tradition by sharing his spiritual journey. Second Hour has become a key resource for development within our meeting and participation in second-hour programming has continued to grow. We have covered a variety of topics and formats over the course of the year. Some sessions allow Friends to share personal experiences and expertise. One Friend led a three-part discussion on the history of Jesus and the Society of Friends. A new Friend shared her experience after attending Pendle Hill Inquirer's Weekend: Introduction to Quaker Practice. Other Friends shared their knowledge of dream interpretation and nuclear non-proliferation.

Sometimes the business of the meeting gives rise to second-hour topics. The newly formed Finance Committee led a two-part discussion on Quakers and Wealth, first exploring how our faith and moral compass affect our own financial decisions, and then discussing charitable giving. Concerns about outreach in our meeting led Ministry and Counsel to conduct a second-hour on Outreach and Advancement. And second hour provided an ideal forum to respond to the queries from ILYM Site Envisioning Committee.

Second hours have also provided the opportunity to explore our individual spirituality and learn more of Quaker practices. These particular worship-sharings and discussions can provide deep, rich spiritual experiences for both new and seasoned Friends. Topics have included Meeting for Worship, Vocal Ministry, Addressing and

Resolving Conflict, Renewal of Spirit, Spirituality and the Physical Body, and Sharing Our Sacred Stories.

Our reading group continued this summer with a series of Bible studies. In the fall, the book group read *Twelve Quakers and Evil* from Quaker Quest. Due to waning interest, the book group has been laid down for the time being.

We are beginning to examine the question of how we as a meeting connect with each other, other Friends and other communities. Of specific concern is how to state and publicize our welcoming stance toward society, especially toward lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, and racial minorities. Also of concern is how to welcome people with diverse religious orientations, especially non-Christians, and how intentional to be in our openness to such seekers.

Northside has continued exploring its relationship with the Chicago Friends School, including the possibility of sharing space. We held a very well attended and fruitful threshing session that allowed us to develop queries not only about our relationship with Chicago Friends School, but also about our identity as a meeting.

We have also begun to examine our own First Day childcare program. Thanks to the work of a single dedicated Friend who took on childcare nearly 3 years ago, our program now regularly hosts 4-7 children in a wide span of ages. Now this Friend has called for additional resources and the meeting is seeking ways to answer this charge. We have already begun by encouraging more Friends to become involved in the program, both to provide support, and so that our youngest members can come to know more of our community. Friends feel that our childcare program is a huge outreach opportunity, especially as more families with children attend our meeting.

Friends continue to share social activities, both formal and casual. There are regular invitations for game nights, birthday parties and holiday celebrations. Our

annual intergenerational picnic was held June 6 at Montrose beach, and was a great success despite a brief downpour. A fall retreat was held at a Friend's house in Michigan the weekend of November 13-14. On December 19 we held a holiday potluck and caroling following First Day Meeting.

We have seen many new faces at Northside Friends Meeting this year. We were glad to welcome Melanie McAllen as a member of the meeting. We also celebrated the birth of Youme and Hai Nguyen Ly's new baby Song on October 14. We anticipate another celebration this summer when Per Stinchcombe and Lilly Dagdigian will be married under the care of the meeting.

### OAK PARK

Our year can be characterized by exhilaration, frustration, and leveling off of attendance losses over the last four years. Though our Meeting is smaller than it has been, and there were times when it seemed in danger of dwindling too far, we seem to have turned a corner, and way has opened for us to come together and renew our spiritual community.

We were happy to host an all day workshop on spiritual development by Paul Buckley. During this workshop, our Meeting discovered that we are very good at "out-reach" and working as Friends in many worthy causes in the wider community. However, Meeting members and attenders would like to see our Meeting more focused on "in-reach," or tending to members and attenders' spiritual needs and to strengthening the Meeting itself. As a result, our Nominating Committee has been working to modify and streamline the committee structure so as to facilitate this "in-

reach,” and so that individual members and attenders do not feel overburdened by committee work. Our adult education program already has been focused on Quaker spirituality and values, and we had a pancake breakfast and monthly potlucks that have been strengthening our social bonds. We have been blessed by the careful assistance Joan Pine (ILYM Ministry and Advancement) has been providing us.

We took active steps to place more importance on linking, as a Meeting, with the wider Oak Park area community and to develop programs for children and youth. We have not had a new member in over four years, but this year we have seen many new visitors, some of whom are indicating their intention to continue their association with us. We also hope that we can find the way to encourage attendees to consider membership, as they are led. This may open for us as we continue our “in-reach.” We had also gone through a period in which no families with children attended Meeting, and our First Day School program had ceased. After a long discussion, we agreed to contract with a young woman to lead our First Day School. We promoted this in the community, and two children now attend regularly. We are looking forward to attracting more children, along with their parents, during the second year of this program. The presence of these children and their parents—and our First Day teacher—has had a rejuvenating effect on the Meeting as a whole, and we are graced by their presence.

This year has also been marked by losses. We had one member leave the Society and three more move away. Geoffrey Plank and Ina Zweiniger-Bargielowska have relocated to England and Rosalind Larsen has moved to Fort Collins, Colorado, to be near her family. We miss them and pray for their continued spiritual development. We were saddened by the deaths of Elinor Fallert, who while not a formal member was a truly weighty Friend for over 40 years, and of George McCoy, who

sojourned with us during the last years of his life.

In other news, our website is attracting visitors, and we are considering how to use other social media. Our Peace and Justice Committee continues to be active and dynamic; strong social witness can be considered a hallmark of our Meeting. We focused on ending the death penalty in Illinois, nuclear disarmament, peaceful prevention of war and the environment.

In closing, we hope that our Meeting will continue on the path towards new strength and spiritual development. May God give us strength to understand and live out our leadings, as individuals and as a Meeting, and the grace to live in the Light and to share it with others.

## OSHKOSH

**Clerk's Report:** "Our life is love, and peace, and tenderness; and bearing one with another, and forgiving one another, and not laying accusations one against another; but 'praying for one another', and helping one another up with a tender hand."

– Isaac Pennington

We have had no requests for membership this past year. We have two members living out of state. We have three active members and three attenders who meet with us on a regular basis. We have financially supported both yearly meetings and participated with them. There has been sporadic visitation to our worship from children. We have not offered a First Day School. We have had visitation from IYM and two of our members attended women's retreat in April. Four members attended NYM in



May. Members of oversight and ministry and counsel from IYM as well as a representative of FGC came to visit us at the end of August.

Politically we have been active by joining the Wisconsin Network for Peace and Justice. We have actively participated in peace demonstrations twice monthly, once at the county courthouse and once with the Unitarian group on College Avenue in Appleton. We have also written letters to legislators both federal and state. Friends continue to support Friends organizations such as ProNica, FGC, and FCNL. We have held potlucks with the Winnebago Worship Group at Christmas and when we can get together with them.

We have had a Muslim speaker from the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community who spoke to us about the persecution of Muslim people in this country.

**Elder's Report:** The unity of a meeting is a thing of ebbs and flows. Even when agreement on a principle is reached, how that principle applies and is applied to our lives and issues has wide degrees of separation within any organization – even Meeting. Recognition of this has caused a marked improvement in our charity towards others, especially since we are each deeply involved with family members who have problems and are often not members of the Society of Friends. We have each had many separate personal crises that enabled us to practice our faith. Some took more practice than others.

Our meeting is small enough that we can directly talk to all viewpoints, which is both a blessing and a problem. On the one hand, it gives us more chances to irritate each other. On the other hand, it also gives us the opportunity to know each other a little better. This usually helps us to realize that there are no true enemies except the ones we willfully make for ourselves. It helps us to gain patience and also helps us to

practice a non-threatening informality. This, in turn, helps to improve our tolerance for each other, gives us a faster response time for crisis aid, both within our meeting and in the larger community, and is probably better for everyone's blood pressure and general health. It helps Meeting to be a refuge and a source of comfort and support.

Our Meeting has agreed that there is an ethical crisis in the handling of state affairs by our officials. We are making plans to interact more with our pastoral and secular community as a result. We hesitate to take on more work, as our time and energy is limited due to family affairs and personal problems, but this situation must be resolved before it gets more violent. It is a time of need for our faith and we must step up to the plate and try even harder to be living examples of that faith and what we "preach".

## ROLLA

Some of last year's active attenders have left Rolla, but other Friends have come in. Our average attendance is a little less than last year's; however, for the first time in our history Friends' Meeting of Rolla has its own Meetinghouse, and for that, and for our new Friends, we are grateful.

As reported in last year's State of the Society, we started looking at available houses before we had the means to buy one. Rolla Friend George McPherson had willed his home to the Meeting, but seemed to be in fairly good health. In 2008 he inherited another property. He proposed to donate funds for a new Meetinghouse from the sale of this recent acquisition, and then to eliminate Friends' Meeting of Rolla from his will. This proposal was accepted. We seemed to be of one mind in

wanting our own Meetinghouse. In fact, we felt that we were being led in this project.

Working through the details of the purchase of the Meetinghouse proved to be a Quaker experiment in cooperation between a Preparative meeting and its parent Monthly Meeting. Essential to the process was the constant communication between parties provided by Margaret Katranides and Mike Ruberton of St. Louis, Margaret representing the Ministry & Advancement Committee of ILYM as well as St. Louis Monthly Meeting. Handling the daily details at Rolla were Clerk Chris Jocius and Treasurer Dulce Alford.

Should Rolla Preparative Meeting be laid down in the future, what would become of the Meetinghouse? To solve this problem it was decided that St. Louis should own it from the beginning. A separate Meetinghouse account was set up at a Rolla bank. St. Louis Meeting was already organized as a corporation for business purposes. Their Trustees gave Chris Jocius Power of Attorney, so that he could purchase the Meetinghouse in the name of St. Louis Meeting.

Of the 15 houses we visited that were within our budget, we chose one located near Rolla High School: 603 East 10<sup>th</sup> Street. Then followed a season of inspections, offers and counteroffers, consideration of taxes, etc.; the end result being that 603 East 10<sup>th</sup> Street is now the property of St. Louis MM of Friends and serves as the Meetinghouse of Friends' Meeting of Rolla, Preparative.

On Saturday, December 4, 2010, we had an Open House. A group came from St. Louis, as did several of our former attenders.

The house has been recarpeted and the interior walls painted. The atmosphere is conducive to worship. Dulce and Ken Alford have done much to bring in essential furniture and set up an office for the Meeting. Still there is much work ahead, espe-

cially to make the house accessible to the handicapped.

We meet for worship First Days at 10:30 AM. Visitors are welcome!

## SOUTH BEND

Several times this year, our meeting for business has worried about having too brief an agenda. But then the realization would arrive that work and worship were in good health, that committees were considering and coping with the concerns that they had discovered or were given to them. As cobbled together as we may feel, we are functioning through committees and individuals to learn, to support each other and to worship together. Meeting for worship is seen as an intense and central experience even when no messages are offered. The quality of our reaching out to each other in nurture and support, both formally and informally, has been significant to many.

We have decided to suspend our search and discernment around our meeting place for the time being and have settled into our space in the Charles Martin Center on South Bend's near west side. While far from perfect, it's quite serviceable, so we have begun working on simple and inexpensive changes that may help the atmosphere for worship. With this sense that it's our own place now, we can share it. We have opened it to a long-standing community of seniors who needed a more accessible space for their once weekly program.

The contemplative silence of meeting for worship is temporarily broken when, as one young father noted, half of our small meeting seems to get up and exit for First Day School. Of course many parents return after settling their youngsters in, but

many members and attenders remain as teachers. It amazes us to see how much is going on in First Day School. While some children are young enough that loving attention suffices, the pre-schoolers and the older kids have their own programs. Supporting three levels of First Day School takes many volunteers. We are grateful for several in their early teens who help with the one-on-one attention needed with the younger children.

As we look back we recognize that there have been a number of opportunities for mutual learning and support among the adults. September saw a day-long retreat for the meeting. Soon we began a fourth Sunday, post-meeting worship-sharing. This worship-sharing was later transformed into a response to the queries on service circulated by ILYM. On fourth Sundays several from meeting would open discussion by considering how their "work in the world" was affected by their relation to the Quaker tradition. We got to know each other better and also deepened our sense of service as we saw our community and the world in new ways. Some Wednesdays also became a time of study as a noon-time group ate their sandwiches together while discussing questions raised to them by classic Quaker literature about worship-based silence.

Attendance has varied but membership has been constant. We were happy to welcome a new foster child to one of our families. Martha Turner, an active part of meeting for many years, now lives in Chicago so her membership and her many capabilities have been transferred to Evanston meeting. The death of Ernie Bean in Columbus, Indiana, on February 15 at the age of 90 was felt as a loss. Although he had moved from South Bend several years ago to be near his son's family, his presence and his message of joy remains with many of us.

Meeting is still very much in process, and changing circumstances will always

make it that. But our fellowship and our worship are providing sustaining nurture.

## SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

This year our meeting experienced many changes but remains much the same as it has in recent years. Our Meeting typically has between nine and twelve regular attenders, including six adult resident members. At the beginning of last summer, we said farewell to Southern Illinois University student Gavin Betzelberger as he continues on his life's journey. We also welcomed back Ginny Hoffman and Michael Batinski who were Friends in Residence at The Meeting School in New Hampshire for several months. And the meeting welcomed four new regular attenders over the year: Emily Levinson, Dan Hurd, Kris Pirmann, and Adrienne Koontz. We have four regularly attending Friends under Nineteen, with Marlana assisting the adults with Mica, Corey and Victor. We continue to look forward to visits from older youth and young adult Friends, including Eli, Delia, Noah, Justin, Adam and Bryce.

We support the traveling ministry of Maurine Pyle with an Anchoring Committee, and financially via our long standing Ministry Fund, which has been used to assist our Friends in various service capacities in past years. This year, the meeting has picked up a number of concerns. We have grappled with our commitment to service, including what that means for our small but dedicated meeting. We continue to donate money to the Good Samaritan House shelter and food pantry, and participated in their annual Souper Bowl food drive. We continue to financially contribute to the operation of the Gaia House Interfaith Center, and attenders of our meeting participated in the Gaia House fundraiser earlier this year. The meeting supported the abo-

lition of Illinois' death penalty. We welcomed the ILYM Field Secretary Paul Buckley to Carbondale and enjoyed the visit as well as his presentation on Elias Hicks. We welcomed visitors from FWCC who presented on Friends' work in Ireland, as part of a *Salt and Light* gathering. Finally, we have adopted a curriculum for our monthly 3rd Week Discussions called *Exploring Quakerism*, which has inspired deeply Spirit-filled exchanges. SIQM continues to be enriched by our connections with the wider Quaker community.

Friends continue to meet once monthly for our Life of the Meeting potlucks which take place in homes, where we have discussed membership, had a workshop with Mariellen Gilpin of ILYM Ministry & Advancement, and most recently, considered queries with concern to the state of the meeting. We noted many areas where our meeting is strong. These areas include the improvements we have made in child care and programming, a growing maturity of the meeting in areas of conflict resolution, and an environment which is both conducive to good Quaker silence as well as being welcoming toward speaking out of that silence. We also are beginning to seriously ponder a commitment to service in our meeting and in our larger community and world. At the same time we identified opportunities for improvement in the meeting. Identifying the pastoral needs of our members and attenders is one area that our meeting could improve. The attenders in our meeting also want to continue to look forward to ways to increase attendance at our meeting.

For all the changes and growth we have experienced this year, the Southern Illinois Quakers remains a strong group, and as one year ends, a new one begins, and we look forward continuing to grow together as a meeting.

One of the most significant events for our meeting this past year was our decision to return our meetings for worship to members' homes. After gathering in Monmouth's 1st Street Armory for many months, our group agreed that the space had not grown to feel like a home; we yearned for the warmth, simplicity, windows, and light that we had experienced in each others' living rooms. With members and regular attenders living in Galesburg, Macomb, and Monmouth, we now rotate meeting for worship between all three, spending one month in each town.

We welcomed Erin Taylor and Sean West as members this year, and held a special meal in their honor, at which we were pleased to have a visit from Beth Schobernd. We have also been delighted by the presence of three new regular attenders. We now have 7 adults and 4 children who regularly attend meeting for worship. We continue to have meetings for business on second Sundays and potlucks on fourth Sundays; we are striving to continue to get to know each other better and to build our sense of community. Our First Day School meets each Sunday during the school year, and we recently made the decision to lighten the workload for our small meeting by recessing formal religious education and moving to weekly childcare as needed during the summer months.

In September, we enjoyed a visit with Mariellen Gilpin, who joined us along with several other guests for a program on non-dual dialogue. We've also enjoyed visiting with our Friends in the Bloomington-Normal Meeting on several occasions, most recently welcoming them to our Meeting for Worship in May. We followed that meeting with a shared meal and a discussion of the challenges and joys of small meetings. This has been especially salient for Spoon River in the past year, as some



of our most active members have needed to step back from their many commitments to our meeting. We are currently working towards learning how to share the work of the meeting more evenly among our members to avoid the burnout that can occur when one or two people are tasked with the majority of responsibility for the meeting. We are looking forward to the new opportunities for growth that this transition will afford.

#### **SPRINGFIELD WORSHIP GROUP**

Summoned by spiritual yearnings, Springfield Friends Worship Group continues its journey with trust in one another, and in the leading of the Holy Spirit to discern those pathways of compassionate service to our fellow creatures, drawn by His hand through the trials and troubles of this life.

We continue to meet weekly in search of the spiritual and intellectual sustenance we receive from our community of seekers. Our group remains small but dedicated, with attendance ranging from six to twelve adults. We have enjoyed several visitors this year, and continue to welcome those who choose to spend time with us.

Our current status as a Worship Group defines us most accurately. We elected to have a clerk, a recording clerk, and a librarian, and to hold Meeting for Business once a month (with creative and delicious potlucks afterward). As a group, we discussed and considered the option of becoming a Preparative Meeting, but believe that the Worship Group defines where we are developmentally at this time.

As individuals, our religious experiences are varied, which adds to the richness of our discussions. Several members are involved in community efforts to bring about change, such as the Greater Springfield Interfaith Association, Homeless United for Change, Central Illinois Nonprofit Resource Center, Pax Christi, the 3 R's

United for Change, Central Illinois Nonprofit Resource Center, Fair Christa, the S R S Project (Reading Reduces Recidivism—books to prisoners), and the U of I Extension's Master Naturalist program. We report on the progress of these efforts during Meeting for Business.

Our Worship Group community is stable and sound. Urbana-Champaign Friends Meeting continues our care, and we share our weekly e-mail "Friendly Updates" with them.

This year was productive for us collectively, as efforts to work on our end-of-life "Five Wishes" and memorial planning came to fruition. We went through the emotional process of sharing our wishes, concerns, fears, and hopes about our final stages of life. We plan to share our journey this summer during Illinois Yearly Meeting.

We have enjoyed selecting challenging queries, which we share during the months with five Sundays. This becomes a quarterly occurrence, and allows us time to prepare thoughtful responses. Some queries were born out of our end-of-life discussions and have allowed for very emotional interactions.

Once a month, our group prepares and serves a meal at Helping Hands, a local homeless shelter. We enjoy this service project, and look forward to the fellowship and expressions of gratitude from the residents each month.

Our group receives sustenance from each other, from our query-sharing to our ongoing study of the Quaker Roots materials. We support each other as fellow worshippers, but also as friends and family.

## ST. LOUIS

St. Louis Friends and Attenders alike were asked to respond to a set of queries to aid us in discerning the current state of the Meeting. Upon reviewing the responses we observed that F/friends reflected varying levels of knowledge and participation; varying levels of need; and a diversity of gifts. Some find Meeting for Worship strong and inspirational while others desire more depth. There is a longing for more small-group interaction so folks can get to know each other and a longing for more opportunities for Quaker education. Within the differences expressed we found a common thread running through all; the desire for spiritual growth.

When speaking of membership, F/friends strongly linked it with commitment: commitment to the Meeting fiscally; commitment to continued spiritual seeking and growth; commitment to share one's gifts, talents and strengths with the Meeting community, and commitment to nurture and care for the community and its physical property.

As is customary, much of the work of the Meeting is organized through committees. There is a sense that many current committees are functioning well while others are floundering a bit and perhaps need additional members. We seem to have a fairly large number of members and attenders not serving on a committee while some serve on two or more.

We found a fairly strong sentiment that our Meeting should have a more concerted effort of ministering to our neighbors. We take on some short-term involvements such as gifts for the elderly at Christmas, canned food drives, and food and blankets for the homeless. Some feel personally led to work in the community as individuals, including AVP (Alternatives to Violence Project) in a prison. Others long for the Meeting to work together on a long-term project to provide service. This

long for the meeting to work together on a long term project to provide service. This is viewed as a means of getting to know each other better by laboring together and as an opportunity for spiritual growth.

Recently we received 5 letters requesting membership. Three Friends have been hugged into membership, as is our custom. The clearness process continues for two Friends including an attender at Rolla Preparative Meeting. We lost one elderly member through death in December. She had not been able to attend for some years. We have received a request for marriage under the care of the Meeting in June. One family brought us a new wee Friend through adoption. Many of us have already begun our process of grieving for the loss of a family of 4 who are moving to Florida this summer. All of this is indicative of our continual growth and loss contributing to a feeling of shrinking and swelling simultaneously.

#### UPPER FOX VALLEY

Though we have some new attenders, we lost two active members this year (one by transfer and one by a long distance move), and so our small Meeting for Worship remains small. Attendance usually ranges between 8 and 15, and unfortunately none of the “regulars” are children. Perhaps it is fitting that we have moved to a smaller room in the school building where we gather!

However, we are a vigorous small meeting! On First Day some of us gather at 9 a.m. for a study/discussion of some reading in common (recently, past Plummer lectures). Following this we sing for a while before Meeting for Worship. Our morning concludes with a pot luck lunch. Future plans include devoting one of the monthly

discussion periods to worship sharing around monthly queries printed in our newsletter. Usually, we hold a once-a-month Friday evening “social” in one of our homes.

We are pleased with our high percentage of attendance at Illinois Yearly Meeting, and the active participation of our members on ILYM committees. Likewise we have been active in the Metropolitan Chicago General Meeting and for several years have hosted an Old-Fashioned Pot Luck Picnic and Corn Roast for MCGM at Pioneer Tree Farm. In 2010 this was a celebration of the 40-year anniversary of our Meeting for Worship.

However, we are not satisfied with being so small, and feel the challenge for more, and better, outreach. We look forward to being large and vigorous.

#### URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

The spiritual state of our Meeting is generally positive, though we do have our challenges.

Our membership turns over at a steady pace, due mostly to ours being a university town. The overall mix of ages and families and number of attendees remains relatively constant with overall attendance generally ranging from 25 to 30 on any given First Day.

Our meetings for worship remain blessed with much silence. We treasure the messages when they are shared. Although this is very peaceful, we wonder if the lack of Ministry leaves people wanting more.

Our spiritual education activities moved from Thursday evenings to Sunday mornings and continue to attract a committed cadre of seekers, most recently exploring Quaker Roots. After being blessed with a great many communal, intergenerational activities last year, this year there have been fewer. Nevertheless, we have

donor activities last year, and this year there have been fewer. Nevertheless, we have been fortunate to host a family pizza party, holiday meals at the Meeting House, and fundraisers.

Our religious education with children is a source of joy. We have a healthy number of younger children from several families who enjoy First Day School and other child- and family-oriented activities we have organized. These include regular First Day School, even through the summer, a week-long summer day camp, a new teen group working on a film project, as well as the regular family worship. Many adults make these events possible and also feel enriched by the experience. Recent RE activities have included exploring the outdoor world, and learning about Quaker testimonies. On the concerns side Religious Education works hard to recruit adults to lead First Day School classes.

We are involved in the local community in various ways. Once a month, we make sandwiches for a local charity that feeds the homeless. We raise money for our emergency fund, which is available to needy members of the community. We have collected clothing and books for the safe haven community. We have been collecting books for prisoners. Many of the activities mentioned above build community. In addition, we have a monthly potluck after meeting for worship.

Individuals of the Meeting have been having a number of personal cares, concerns or crises. So the Meeting has convened several different committees for clearness, for care and/or for support, sharing individual burdens with the rest of us. As needed, the Meeting and individual members and families have been very forthcoming.

The **Springfield Worship Group** continues under our care. They have submitted their own report.

## Minutes of the Illinois Yearly Meeting Continuing Committee

Evanston Monthly Meeting hosting at the meetinghouse in Evanston, IL  
Tenth Month 23, 2010

David Finke, Presiding Clerk, and Pam Kuhn, Recording Clerk

Complete committee reports are available on the ILYM website but will not become part of the permanent record.

1. We opened with worship.
2. Our Clerk, David Finke, gave some opening remarks. The committee reviewed the agenda for the day allowing for changes in the Spirit.
3. We introduced ourselves.
4. Barbara Kessel reported from Urbana-Champaign monthly meeting on the project known as the Three R's Project: Reading Reduces Recidivism. The meeting agreed to support this state-wide project. A complete report is on page 79 of the 2010 Minute Book.
5. The project has encountered some difficulties and has been blocked from delivering books to some prisons. Other prisons are accepting and distributing books. Since annual sessions the project has been able to establish three centers for collecting books. Urbana-Champaign monthly meeting is encouraging other monthly meetings and worship groups to set up centers to explore the possibilities of working with the nearest prison, or even a county jail, to channel donations for needed materials—books/dictionaries, magazine subscriptions, seeds for community gardens, videos for Story Book Project—to that one institution. Contact Barbara Kessel at Urbana-Champaign for details on setting this up.
6. Continuing Committee unites with Urbana-Champaign's recommendation to

- encourage Friends to explore possibilities of setting up centers by local meetings.
7. Roger Laughlin gave the Co-Treasurer's Report. He referred Friends to the Net Assets by Fund for FY10 on page 24 and 25 of the 2010 Minute Book.
  8. The Co-Treasurer made a few notes from last year's fiscal year (FY10). The Property Improvement Fund (PIF) ended with a negative balance of \$8,262.82. Finance Committee transferred this amount from Special Gifts to start the year with PIF at zero for the new fiscal year.
  9. There was net income for FY10 of \$11,270, where income exceeded expenses in our Operating Fund. Because this net income was from monthly meetings' increased contributions for the Mills purchase and repair, the Finance Committee was in unity to transfer this net income into the Deferred Maintenance Fund. The transfer is recorded in the FY11 quarterly report.
  10. The final report of the Fiscal Year 2010 is in the 2010 Minute Book. The Co-Treasurers recommend that the yearly meeting accept this report. The Continuing Committee accepted the report.
  11. The Treasurers prepared and distributed the FY11 quarterly report. A consultant has completed the Capital Assets Management Plan. Funding for this came from the Special Gifts Fund, partly in FY10 and partly in FY11. The payment for this is now complete. The Special Gifts Fund also has a \$600 expense for the Clear Creek House Energy Audit. The Friends Meeting House Fund has agreed to pay \$300 which will be added back into Special Gifts when it arrives. The expenses from the Deferred Maintenance Fund are for roofing and repairs to the piers un-



der the meetinghouse. In column 5, line 40, there is a combination of two transfers to the Deferred Maintenance Fund, one budgeted and the other of the net income from FY10 as noted above. The Deferred Maintenance Fund has a current balance of \$41,593.87. The Maintenance and Planning Committee has oversight of these funds.

12. Judy Jager reported for the Finance Committee (FC). The Property Improvement Fund is funded mostly by individual donations with some contributions by monthly meetings. It is very low right now. The FC reminds Friends that planning may be hampered without funds.
13. On October 1 there was an informal audit or review of our books by Elizabeth Mertic from Lake Forest monthly meeting and Ann Miller from Evanston monthly meeting. The committee reviewed FY09 and FY10 receipts and disbursements as well as financial reports compared to bank statements. FC plans to distribute booklets to monthly meetings on ways to review their books.
14. FC recommends that the yearly meeting, through the Administrative Coordinator, continues to rent a dining tent, tables and chairs for 2011. The cost will be part of annual sessions' expenses. Friends approve.
15. FC would like to understand which committee is responsible for recommending the purchase of capital items such as new or replacement furniture for all of the buildings (e.g. new chairs for the dining hall) in order that these can be budgeted from Deferred Maintenance or from Committee expenses.
16. Shorebank is now Urban Partnership Bank after an orderly take over. FC will be keeping our accounts active for now. The yearly meeting currently has a one-year CD that matures in February and also a Peace Tax Fund CD and money market account are there. FC would appreciate any input Friends may have on

Urban Partnership Bank.

17. One of our traditions of our Society is good record keeping. Our records librarian is the keeper of the statistics. However FC recommends we could be doing so much more. Both the yearly meeting and monthly meetings have the established, free resources of the archives at the University of Illinois Urbana/Champaign and it is good for us to use it consistently. FC would also like to encourage monthly meetings and worship groups to send at least their minutes and newsletters to the U of I. See Sharon Haworth for further information. FC hopes to have a workshop about this at annual sessions.
18. FC recommends that we have a party during the 2011 annual sessions to celebrate the Clear Creek House of Illinois Yearly Meeting and the new property. This was held over to the next meeting of the Continuing Committee in the spring.
19. FC reviewed the process of the use of the Review Committee this summer. The committee is trying ways to speed up the process when necessary. See page 34 of the 2010 Minute Book for a summary of the Review Committee.
20. Peter Lasersohn reported for the Faith and Practice Committee (F&P). The Faith and Practice Committee has met once since our annual sessions. F&P has produced copies of the section on "Organization and Structure of Meetings" having to do with monthly meetings, as approved this summer for a provisional 5-year period. These are on three-hole punch paper for distribution to local meetings. Friends should place these copies in the binders which were provided to meetings in 2005. The same section is in the minute book starting on page 53.

21. F&P has also composed a new sample membership form, which meetings may use or adapt for keeping their membership records. If adopted, this form will be placed as an appendix at the end of the book. The current draft of the form will be posted on the ILYM website for comments and feedback.
22. F&P made several revisions to the proposed section on worship groups and preparative meetings which is page 70 of the 2010 Minute Book. F&P will post the new text on the ILYM website soon for comments. The committee plans to continue revising this text over the coming year, and present a version to the yearly meeting at annual sessions in 2011, proposing adoption for a 5-year provisional period.
23. F&P is continuing to work on the section on meeting for worship, and discussed the content of this section carefully in light of comments received at the workshop. In addition to the section on meeting for worship, F&P intends to work this year on a section on quarterly meetings, and a section on funerals and memorial meetings. Text for these sections has not been drafted yet.
24. F&P continues to seek Friends' advice on future sections and comments on existing text, especially those sections currently under approval for a provisional period (the section on marriage and the section on monthly meetings). These are kept in a file and will be taken into account in making revisions when the provisional period expires.
25. At the 2010 annual sessions, the yearly meeting formed an ad hoc committee with members Mark Mattaini, Chuck Hutchcraft, and Elizabeth Mertic charged with bringing a report to Continuing Committee on ILYM involvement in service opportunities. (See Minutes 68, 69, and 70, starting page 13 and a report on page 76 in the 2010 Minute Book.) Chuck Hutchcraft reported for the ad hoc

- committee.
26. The ad hoc committee suggests that the answer does not lie in appointing a new committee. Instead, they recommend that our energy be directed to *instilling a culture of volunteerism* throughout ILYM. The ad hoc committee made several recommendations as to how this could be accomplished. The complete report is appended at the end of these minutes (see p. 103).
  27. The Continuing Committee seasoned the recommendations of the ad hoc committee and also seasoned the role of the Quaker Volunteer Service, Training, & Witness Committee (QVSTWC) which currently has no members or charge in the Handbook.
  28. The Continuing Committee approved laying down QVSTWC with thanks for past work by many committee members over the years.
  29. The Continuing Committee sensed continued interest in Quaker service in our yearly meeting and the interest in knowing about service projects currently under the care of our monthly meetings and worship groups as well as volunteer projects in which individual Friends are participating. The committee approved that the ad hoc committee continue to meet to address these concerns with the following charge. The ad hoc committee is asked to develop a series of queries to send to our monthly meetings and worship groups that will help the yearly meeting understand the depth of our commitment to Quaker service. Monthly meetings and worship groups would be asked to respond to these queries by a date to be determined by the ad hoc committee and send replies to the ad hoc committee. Additionally, after receiving answers to the queries, if appropriate the ad

hoc committee is asked to suggest a structure that could coordinate the distribution of information of Quaker service projects, information about support including financial support for these projects, or other directions suggested by the discernment of the monthly meetings and worship groups.

30. The Continuing Committee approved adding Bridget Rorem and Bobbi Trist to the ad hoc committee.
31. Margaret Katrinides reported for Naming Committee. The committee recommended adding David Rutschman to the Nominating Committee. Friends approve. Continuing Committee also gave approval for the Naming Committee to name one other person as well and to allow that person to start work immediately on the Nominating Committee. Both will be for the term ending 2013 and effective immediately.

At 1:45 after a refreshing lunch coordinated by Evanston Friends, members resumed our committee meeting.

32. Neil Mesner reported for Maintenance and Planning Committee (M&P). The committee had a new roof put on the bump-out areas on the south and east side of the meetinghouse including the bathroom, kitchen and bay window. The committee also had vents added and the closet with the hot water heaters is now properly vented. Additionally, the committee replaced some of the piers under the meetinghouse that were deteriorating and fixed some areas of the crawl space. The costs for these were taken from Deferred Maintenance and reported in the Co-Treasurer reports.
33. Clear Creek Monthly Meeting applied for and received the Meeting House Fund's Green Energy Grant for Clear Creek House. The total cost of the audit is \$600. The Meeting House Fund will contribute \$300 and the Meeting House will contribute \$300.

\$600. The Meeting House Fund will match half of the cost or \$300. (See minutes from Continuing Committee, Spring, 2010.) Clear Creek House is currently being used year-round for First Day School, meeting for worship in colder months, and other Clear Creek Meeting activities as well as yearly meeting use. The energy audit took place last winter and spring and included infrared photographs that showed temperature variations. This has raised awareness of issues that need to be addressed to prevent heat loss during the winter and increase our comfortable use of the building.

34. M&P has identified projects for this winter and spring as follows. Fix doors and windows as suggested by the energy audit at the Clear Creek House. Repair supports in the basement of the yearly meetinghouse which seemed to have been put in upside down. The committee recognizes the issue of water in the basement of Clear Creek House needs to be addressed and will be installing a sump pump. Total cost for all of these projects is estimated to be \$3000. These will come from the Deferred Maintenance Fund. Friends approve.
35. Additionally, the committee is looking at regrading around the Clear Creek house. They are still collecting estimates on this project and the Continuing Committee asks that M&P bring those costs to the March Continuing Committee.
36. The Continuing Committee also suggested that we could perhaps look at grading a flat spot for our dining tent.
37. Beth Schobernd reported for the ad hoc Furnishing Committee, a subcommittee of M&P. The charge of the committee is to develop guidelines for furnishing

Clear Creek House. The committee met with various members of Clear Creek Monthly Meeting to hear their anticipated uses of the house and their ideas about what furnishings they will need for those uses.

38. The Furnishing Committee recognized the following guidelines for the acquisition of furnishings for the Clear Creek House. They should be simple, flexible, comfortable, in excellent condition, sturdy, preferably made of natural or recycled materials, compressible chairs—(e.g. stacking, folding, or nesting), harmonious, and consistent with house in period colors and style.
39. For the immediate future, the Furnishing Committee identified that there should be seating in the downstairs of the house for approximately 30 people. This could be accomplished with 10 chairs for the dining table and 20 compressible chairs for the meeting room. Additional seating might be considered for the porch at a later date. There should also be some seating in the library area.
40. There should ultimately be sleeping space for 12-16 people in the Clear Creek House and the committee recommends three bunk beds in the large room in the north east corner room, one double bed in the small west side room, one set of twin beds in the south west corner room, one futon in each of the two rooms Clear Creek monthly meeting uses for First Day School and the downstairs library room.
41. The Furnishing Committee identified furnishing priorities for the house. 1) For the first floor, the needs are for dining room chairs, meeting room chairs, sound absorbing materials (such as rugs and wall hangings), bookcases and seating for the library, and window coverings for the bathroom. 2) For the second floor, the needs are for beds, window coverings for bedrooms and bathroom, fire ladders, First Day School rooms (tables, seating), and miscellaneous (such as tables,

- chairs, lamps for bedrooms). 3) The future planning priorities include things for the kitchen, storage, and furniture for the front porch.
42. The Furnishing Committee would like to form groups to work together on each floor. These groups should consist of Clear Creek Friends as well as Friends from throughout the yearly meeting—perhaps those already involved with the Furnishing Committee or the ad hoc Committee for the Mills Property.
  43. The committee did not feel that its charge included identifying funding for the purchase of furniture. Some agreement needs to be made between Clear Creek Monthly Meeting and the yearly meeting as to who makes the purchases.
  44. The Continuing Committee heard with appreciation the progress report of the ad hoc Furnishing Committee.
  45. Pam Kuhn reported for the Handbook. The committee is recommending the following changes to the Handbook based on approved minutes from the 2010 annual sessions.
  46. To the section on Standing Committees, add the description of the Development Committee which was taken verbatim from Minute 41 and 42.
  47. Change the description of the Site Envisioning Committee to that in Minutes 41 and 43 dropping the “Development” from the title, matching the language verbatim except dropping the last line from Minute 43 about reporting at the 2011 annual sessions.
  48. To the Nominating Committee description, from Minute 11 part b, add a line about nominating the clerks of each committee. The entire description would read as follows.



“The Nominating Committee is responsible for doing most of the work associated with nominations including gathering names from monthly meeting representatives, providing job descriptions to those considering appointments, and checking to be sure nominees are willing to serve. The Nominating Committee names all Illinois Yearly Meeting clerks and the members and clerks of all standing committees. The Nominating Committee reports to Continuing Committee or the annual sessions of the yearly meeting.”

49. To the end of the description of the Review Committee, add three sentences pursuant to Minute 64 concerning an unexpected opportunity or expense related to our buildings or property.
50. Friends approve the above changes.
51. Traditionally the Handbook Committee has distributed a paper copy of the Handbook to every monthly meeting and worship group including pages for updating after every change. The Handbook Committee is considering instead having the Handbook available online with paper copies distributed to the presiding and assistant clerks and anyone else on request. Monthly meetings and worship groups are asked to season this idea in preparation for action at annual sessions. Friends should be aware that the Peace Tax Committee has asked that the description of that committee and guidelines not be published online and would be only available from that committee.
52. The Handbook Committee will be working for the remainder of the year on updating the Handbook and will bring any recommended changes to annual sessions for seasoning and action. Friends interested in working on this vital, exciting and delightful committee should contact a member of the Nominating Committee prior to the next Continuing Committee.

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53. Mariellen Gilpin reported for the Ministry and Advancement Committee (M&A). M&A will meet in retreat on November 12-13. The committee is working on having events called “Days of Spiritual Sustenance” on a regional basis and is already gathering commitments of sites for this winter. These events are intended to nurture Friends as identified by monthly meetings and worship groups as Friends that are relied upon for committees for clearness or care, Friends on Ministry and Oversight (or Counsel) committees, and Friends that monthly meetings feel especially nourished by spiritually when they speak in meeting for worship. Friends may consider sending the clerk of Ministry & Counsel (or Oversight) Committees, a spiritually-gifted younger Friend, and a Friend with young family. Paul Buckley is working on planning the program and the specifics of locations. The committee will provide for travel reimbursement, a simple noon meal, and childcare. The purpose would be to nurture our nurturers who are the lifeblood of our meetings, giving them a chance to catch their breath as well as be there for others; meet and get to know other nurturers in nearby meetings to facilitate supporting each other; and experience one another’s gifts.
  54. Additionally, M&A hopes these Days of Spiritual Sustenance may strengthen our yearly meeting by examining issues of our yearly meeting including how to attract new Friends and younger Friends to our annual sessions; discern and train new Friends for committees and leadership who will bring fresh ideas and energies to our committee work; involve new Friends that they may feel vital to our

religious society; identify gifts in Friends; and involve Friends with spiritual opportunities rather than just mundane tasks.

55. M&A wants to get to know Friends with spiritual gifts and have them get to know the committee. Perhaps if they feel nurtured by our Days of Spiritual Sustenance, they will be more likely to make an effort to try other yearly meeting events and invite others in their meeting to do likewise.
56. The committee also challenges other yearly meeting committees to consider what sort of outreach would find and attract Friends with the appropriate gifts to get involved with your work. Committees may consider regional events that may interest Friends not previously involved with the yearly meeting.
57. Paul Buckley reported on his activities as Field Secretary. He has visited several meetings since annual sessions. Paul has also worked on the FWCC Salt and Light programs for October and November including finding dates and sites. The events thus far have been very well received and a delight for all. Additionally, some needed money has been raised at the events to pay for these programs.
58. Paul reminds Friends about his traveling bookstore that he carries with him. He is accepting donation books that still have value from meetings and individual Friends. Paul will distribute them to meetings in need.
59. Chip Rorem reported for the Site Envisioning Committee (SE). The committee has met one time since annual sessions and had a conference call. SE does not have a unified sense of the meeting of our direction but is hearing a lot of voices with different ideas.
60. SE identified influences on the site envisioning process including the following: financial obligations especially with the additional six acres, ongoing maintenance list especially from the Capital Asset Management Plan, vision of the En-

- vironmental Concerns Committee, programs, Finance Committee concerns, and the absence of a Development Committee.
61. SE is asking for written reports from different interested groups including Environmental Concerns Committee, Maintenance and Planning Committee, Ministry and Advancement Committee, Peace Resources Committee, Finance Committee, Religious Education Committee, Quaker Volunteer Service, Adult Young Friends, High School Friends, monthly meetings and worship groups. SE is looking for different perspectives of these groups when considering the future of our site and are looking for them by the end of the year.
  62. SE is considering a general meeting in January 22, 29 or February 19 either for committees or individuals. The committee is also considering having another yearly meeting survey similar the one done by Matthew Smith some years ago.
  63. Beth Schobernd reported for the ad hoc Committee for the Mills Property. The committee has met once since annual sessions to work on preparing guidelines for the use of Clear Creek House. The committee expects that the guidelines it develops are only for the period of time between now through annual sessions 2011. After that the guidelines will need to be reviewed and revised, depending on what worked and what didn't, as well as what additional improvements are planned for or made to the property. The committee hopes in the next few weeks to post a draft of these guidelines on the website for comments.
  64. There are currently no beds in the house. Funding for the purchase of beds is unclear. Until there are beds, the house will be available for day use only. The kitchen is in rough shape. While the cook top is functional, the oven, dishwasher

and microwave shouldn't be used. This would need to be taken into consideration by any group using the house.

65. The ad hoc committee projects the following as being possible uses for the house in the coming year: use by Clear Creek Monthly Meeting, meetings of ILYM committees, Retreats/workdays by ILYM committees or monthly meetings, Women's Weekend, Memorial Day Work Weekend. At this time, these will only be for day time use.
66. During annual sessions the Clear Creek House could be used for committee meetings, workshops/worship sharing, bathing, storing food for special use/ auxiliary kitchen, respite from weather/heat for babies, children and adults, sleeping (if there are beds) by request and with selection criteria. The ad hoc committee envisions the selection criteria for sleeping at 2011 annual sessions to be adults with self reported health issues (need for more comfortable accommodations, air-conditioning, access to restrooms), adults with mobility issues (house is not fully accessible and most sleeping rooms are on second floor), adults with a need for quiet sleeping space, parents with very young infants may be considered. The ad hoc committee envisions the house being used as a quiet sleeping space for 2011.
67. The ad hoc committee welcomes comments on our draft guidelines as soon as they are up on the website. The Continuing Committee approves having the ad hoc committee implement revised guidelines through annual sessions 2011 when the committee feels they are ready. Reservation for use of the house will be through the Administrative Coordinator as is the case for all uses of the yearly meeting property.
68. Noel Pavlovic reported for the Environmental Concerns Committee (ECC). The

committee met at McNabb on October 7 and 8, 2010, for worship, fellowship, and work! ECC continued the work of clearing brush and debris from the new property. The bat house was placed on the front side of the barn. ECC planted two bur oak trees donated by Urbana-Champaign Friends Meeting (UCFM) on the northwest side of the property south of the road where there is open lawn. A chinkapin oak donated by a UCFM neighbor was also planted in line with the bur oak and parallel to the road. Bur oak acorns were also planted on the south side of the barn and in the fence row west of the campground. Weeds were cleared around the meetinghouse and daffodils were planted mostly along the redbud row on the campground side of the property. ECC is creating a "green" roof for the meetinghouse kitchen with support from a Quaker Earthcare Witness mini-grant of \$250 and matching funds from ILYM. ECC will be doing a trial with different trays. The committee has written an article about this experiment in the next issue of *Among Friends* with a follow up with the results in a future issue of *Among Friends*.

69. Other activities by ECC include the following. ECC continues to advance the writing and editing of short biographical memorial statements concerning the Friends associated with the memorial trees. The committee is considering assisting the ILYM representatives to FWCC to bring Global Change meetings to the yearly meeting. Nancy Halliday wrote a statement concerning environmental toxins. The article that was published in *BeFriending Creation* is being submitted to *Among Friends* for reprinting. ECC recently learned there is a Putnam County effort at recycling. ECC plans to find out more so that the impacts of

this program on recyclables produced at the Clear Creek grounds can be discerned.

70. Sarah Pavlovic reported for the Nominating Committee. The current Nominating Committee consists of Mike Dennis, Sarah Pavlovic (clerk), and Mira Tanna. The committee is grateful that Judy Erickson and Sue Styer have continued to serve during the past four months, even though their terms were up at the end of annual sessions, while the Naming Committee worked to fill their positions.
71. The committee reports the following resignations with gratitude for their service: Brad Ogilvie from Nominating Committee, Joan Pine and Patricia McMillen from Handbook Committee, Angie Reeks from Ministry and Advancement. Continuing Committee accepts these resignations. Nominating Committee appreciates communication from Friends when they are no longer able to serve.
72. The committee recommends the following nominations. Mira Tanna as Assistant Recording Clerk and then Recording Clerk. Friends approve. Janet Means Underhill to Site Envisioning Committee. Friends approve. Katherine Young and Elke Narkiewicz – co-clerks of Religious Education Committee. Friends approve.
73. Nominating Committee has been seeking Friends willing to serve on the recently approved Development Committee. One member has been confirmed, and the committee is in conversation with several other Friends about their willingness to serve. Nominating Committee welcomes suggestions.
74. Nominating Committee was asked to bring forward the names of four Friends to represent Illinois Yearly Meeting at the World Conference of Friends to be held in Kenya in April 2012. In response to the call for delegates, the committee re-

ceived seven compelling and Spirit-led responses to a query about the leading felt by each one to consider this work. To the joy of the committee, three of these came from adult young Friends. FWCC has asked that we consider sending a delegation with balance in gender, age and level of experience with international groups of Friends. The decision was not an easy one, for the committee felt that the participation of each of the candidates would enrich the gathering and the yearly meeting. After deep and lengthy consideration, the committee submits the following names for approval: Delegates: Mark Amos, Rose Dennis, Adrian (Meg) Nelson, and Greg Woods. The committee also asks the following Friends to consider themselves to be alternates, that is, to remain prepared to attend the World Conference in the event that one of the four delegates finds themselves unable to do so, or to apply for one of the Conference open places. Alternates: Janice Domanik, Dawn Rubbert, and Mira Tanna. Nominating Committee asks the yearly meeting to support these Friends in their leadings to attend the 2012 Friends World Gathering, both the four named delegates and any who might attend through an open place, with our financial support as well as our spiritual support. Friends approve.

75. Judy Erickson reported for the Publications Committee. The minute book is printed and ready for use. Friends are asked to distribute these to Friends in the monthly meetings and worship groups.
76. The *Among Friends* editor has extended the deadline for the winter issue for submissions to November 22. The Plummer Lectures from 2009 and 2010 are on the website. Soon the Publications Committee expects to print and distribute



both Lectures. The Administrative Coordinator reminded Friends about our website which has a lot of information about the yearly meeting including our calendar.

77. Sue Styer reported for the 2011 Site Prep and Housekeeping Committee by Chicago South. The coordinator positions are filled. The Overall Coordinator is Sue Styer. Site Prep will be coordinated by Judy Erickson. The food service during Site Prep will be served up by Bridget & Chip Rorem (cooks) and Sarah & Noel Pavlovic (clean-up), Kate Gunnell & Chris Goode will handle purchasing. Pam Timme & Brad Laird will be in charge of housekeeping during sessions. The Final clean up will be coordinated by Sue Styer with Adrian Fisher assisting.
78. Chicago North Planning Group met at Evanston Meeting on June 27. Sue Tursman is the overall coordinator. The theme will be: "As way opens - discerning our path forward in the Light." The evening program will be as follows. On Wednesday night: Mary Garman (Professor of Religion at Earlham College and once a member of Evanston Meeting) will speak. On Thursday night, we are planning a poetry, song, or drama night given by ILYM Friends (this is being coordinated by Phyllis Reynolds.). On Friday night, we'll have the usual square dancing coordinated by FUN Committee. Saturday night's speaker will be Vanessa Julye (Friends General Conference and Central Philadelphia Monthly Meeting). Dick Ashdown will be giving the Plummer Lecture on Sunday morning. Additionally there will be worship-sharing (Pam Kuhn coordinating) and workshops (Ted Ehnle coordinating) to be facilitated in the spring. Janice Domanik and Elizabeth Mertic are responsible for food coordination.
79. Blue River Quarterly is planning the FUN and Recreation Program. Steve Ta-

mari is coordinating the planning. Most of the teachers and positions have been filled.

80. The Continuing Committee thanks Evanston Meeting for hosting our CC meeting and providing us with delicious food, lodging, childcare, and good cheer.
81. The next meeting of Continuing Committee is March 5, 2011, tentatively at Downers Grove Monthly Meeting.
82. We closed with worship and joy of our time together.

Friends who signed in at Continuing Committee: Peter Albright, Upper Fox Valley; Wil Brant, 57<sup>th</sup> St; Paul Buckley, Field Secretary; Helen Dickinson, Oak Park; Judy Erickson, Oak Park; David Finke, Columbia; Nancy Finke, Columbia; Cathy Garra, Lake Forest; Mariellen Gilpin, Urbana-Champaign; Christopher Goode, Downers Grove; Sharon Haworth, Urbana-Champaign; Roxy Jacobs, Duneland; Judy Jager, Evanston; Margaret Katranides, St Louis; Barbara Kessel, Urbana-Champaign; Pam Kuhn, Lake Forest; Brad Laird, South Bend; Jinny Laughlin, Evanston; Roger Laughlin, Evanston; Peter Lasersohn, Urbana-Champaign; Melanie McAllen, Northside; Janet Means, Lake Forest; Elizabeth Mertic, Evanston & Lake Forest; Grayce Mesner, Clear Creek; Neil Mesner, Clear Creek; Noel Pavlovic, Duneland; Sarah Pavlovic, Duneland; Bridget Rorem, 57<sup>th</sup> St; Chip Rorem, 57<sup>th</sup> St; Beth Schobernd, Clear Creek; Monica Tetzlaff, South Bend; Bobbi Trist, Urbana-Champaign; and Sue Tursman, Evanston

The ad hoc committee appointed to make recommendations to ILYM regarding support for voluntary service suggests that the answer does not lie in appointing a new committee. Instead, we recommend that our energy be directed to *instilling a culture of volunteerism* throughout ILYM.

We further recommend that:

- ILYM make an intentional effort to support leadings to volunteer, whether through financial support and/or other forms of support, spiritual, emotional or other.
- ILYM, Monthly Meetings, and individual Friends be encouraged to offer spiritual, participatory and financial support as possible to emerging volunteer efforts like the Quaker Volunteer Service: Chicago, and workdays QVSC plans to sponsor as fundraising and voluntary service opportunities. [These workdays are being planned as “mini-workcamps” in which participating Friends would be encouraged to make a financial contribution and contribute one day of labor to a project consistent with Friends’ testimonies, planned in partnership with a community organization, ending with a celebratory potluck and entertainment.]
- ILYM encourage volunteerism through mentoring by those among us who have expressed their Quaker spirituality through volunteerism.
- ILYM collect the stories of these mentors and others who have volunteered. For instance, time could be set aside during each annual session for these folks to be interviewed and their stories recorded.
- These stories be used as the basis for a curriculum to instill the tradition of Quaker volunteerism among young and older Friends.
- A more intentional effort be made to create content through which ILYM

- A more intentional effort be made to create a network through which ILYM Friends can access volunteer opportunities through ILYM representatives to AFSC, FCNL, FWCC and other organizations.
- Other volunteer opportunities be explored and made known to ILYM Friends through existing ILYM committees.
- ILYM consider writing a Minute committing itself to creating a culture of volunteerism and encouraging ILYM Monthly Meetings to do the same.

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### Minutes of the Illinois Yearly Meeting Continuing Committee

Downers Grove Meeting hosting at the new meeting house in Downers Grove, IL  
Third Month 5, 2011, 10:00 am

David Finke, Presiding Clerk; Janice Domanik, Assistant Clerk;  
Pam Kuhn, Recording Clerk; Monica Tetzlaff, Reading Clerk

Complete committee reports are available on the Illinois Yearly Meeting website but will not become part of the permanent record. These are filed with the Administrative Coordinator.

1. Our meeting opened with Worship. Monica Tetzlaff read an excerpt of an epistle from German Yearly Meeting.
2. David Finke gave opening remarks and reviewed the agenda which we accepted.
3. Dawn Amos gave the Co-Treasurer's report. There are no surprises in the operating budget thus far in the fiscal year. Dawn introduced a new format for reporting called Statement of Fund Activity.

4. The current balances of our cash assets are as follows: General Operating: \$22,596.57; Designated Funds: Special Gifts: \$27,488.54; Payroll Reserves: \$36,000.00; FWCC World Meetings: \$5,900.00; Deferred Maintenance: \$35,247.96; Restricted Funds: Property Improvement Fund: \$23,258.90. Additionally we have a \$1,000 loan from individuals. Total cash assets are \$150,491.97.
5. Dawn gave details on our income and expenses from our operating budget. She encourages committees to check the report when planning budgets for next year.
6. Cathy Garra reported for the Finance Committee (FC). Because the Development Committee is still in formation, FC asked Janice Domanik and Chip Rorem to write thank you notes to those who contribute to the Property Improvement Fund.
7. FC encourages the yearly meeting to hold a party during annual sessions to celebrate the Clear Creek House. Cathy Garra, Sue Tursman, Janice Domanik, and Beth Schobernd will plan this.
8. Concerning the purchase of the triangle of land behind (south of) the meeting-house, FC is expecting that further discussions will take place between the owner of the land and the Stewards.
9. FC has identified funds in Special Gifts that could be used to purchase furniture for Clear Creek House of Illinois Yearly Meeting. FC is looking forward to reviewing proposals from the M&P Committee when they are ready. FC encourages the yearly meeting to consider a longer term resolution as to which committee is responsible for furnishings for the entire campus.
10. FC thanks Friends who helped our Co-Treasurers by having an informal audit of our books. Their findings are reflected in our reports.

11. FC will have a certificate of deposit come due in about six months. FC is interested in suggestions about investing these funds in the future. Contact Dawn Amos or Judy Jager.
12. FC is planning to offer a workshop at annual sessions on record keeping for monthly meetings and welcomes suggestions in advance of topics to cover. Contact Cathy Garra.
13. Sandy Huntley gave the report for the Review Committee which is a subcommittee of the Finance Committee (FC). All ILYM travel expenses for all committees are reported on a single line item in our financial reports and there is no single committee or person to co-ordinate and track expenses other than FC. FC reminds the clerks of all committees that pre-approval of travel expenses for committee work is required. Friends needing assistance for travel for committee work need to contact the Review Committee to request discernment around available funds. A copy of the Travel Policy is in the Handbook and Minute Book. The amount budgeted for committee travel for this year has been mostly spent.
14. Our reading clerk read the Stewards' report. Tim Narkiewicz has resigned as Steward, effective as soon as a new Steward can be found. We appreciate all of Tim's work as Steward and, earlier, clerk of the Maintenance and Planning Committee—especially the development of the ILYM Capital Asset Management Plan.
15. Beth Schobernd reported for the Ad Hoc Committee for the Mills Property. The committee has drafted guidelines for the use of the Clear Creek House by ILYM

Friends. A copy is on the ILYM website. Please review these and give suggestions to Beth by April 1. This is a living document that will be revised as needed. It will be for use until the end of the 2011 annual sessions.

16. Neil Mesner reported for the Maintenance and Planning Committee (M&P). There have been improvements to the kitchen in Clear Creek House of Illinois Yearly Meeting with purchases of new appliances made with cooperation of Illinois Yearly Meeting and Clear Creek Monthly Meeting. Clear Creek Meeting also plans to buy tables for the library and the First Day School room and chairs for the dining room.
17. M&P has installed a new sump pump and made other improvements to deal with water seeping into the basement of Clear Creek House.
18. Beth Schobernd reported for the Ad Hoc Furnishing Committee. The committee is a subcommittee of M&P. The committee developed guidelines for furnishing Clear Creek House. The committee also recommended that the yearly meeting develop working groups to recommend the purchase of the furniture. These were presented to Continuing Committee in October 2010.
19. Continuing Committee discerned that there has not been a clear charge about who is to do research and who is to make decisions when it comes to purchasing furniture, nor has funding been clearly established. We are reminded that the fabric of our community is more important than the fabric of our chairs.
20. Continuing Committee recognizes that there are two parts to furnishing the Clear Creek House.

The first concern is getting the second floor ready for use as bedrooms during 2011 annual sessions. This could include the temporary use of some furnish-

ings. Continuing Committee asks M&P in consultation with the Finance Committee to move forward on this. Health and safety issues are to be taken into consideration in keeping with M&P's ongoing charge. The Ad Hoc Committee for the Mills Property along with the Administrative Coordinator will decide criteria for who will sleep in the Clear Creek House in 2011.

The second concern is for an overall plan for more permanent furnishing for the Clear Creek House.

a) Continuing Committee asks M&P to review the guidelines of the Ad Hoc Furnishing Committee (Minute 38 from the October Continuing Committee). Add to these guidelines the recognition that Friends have different physical needs and may need different types of furniture.

b) Continuing Committee recommends that M&P consider creating working groups as described by the Ad Hoc Furnishing Committee which would report to M&P. The description of the working groups is referred to in Fall Continuing Committee, Minute 42 but M&P should check the complete Furnishing Committee report which is available on the website under advance documents for the Fall Continuing Committee. Alternatively M&P may wish to develop another process which also incorporates input from outside of M&P (including Clear Creek Meeting Friends). Continuing Committee expects M&P to give a recommendation for furnishing the entire Clear Creek House including a budget at the annual sessions. Following sessions, M&P would then be asked to act on the approved recommendation. Continuing



Committee suggests that architects within the yearly meeting could also be consulted.

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*Minute 42 from the October 2010 Continuing Committee. The Furnishing Committee would like to form groups\* to work together on each floor. These groups should consist of Clear Creek Friends as well as Friends from throughout the yearly meeting - perhaps those already involved with the Furnishing Committee or the ad hoc Committee for the Mills Property.*

\*(The actual language of the committee's report was, "cohesive groups should work together--one to furnish the first floor and one for the second floor.")

21. As we labored over the above concern we were helped by a nourishing lunch provided by Downers Grove Meeting. Our reading clerk read an excerpt from an epistle from the school-aged children of Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting as we settled again in silence.
22. Noel Pavlovic reported for the Environmental Concerns Committee (ECC). ECC is currently pursuing three areas of activity: a "green" roof for the Meeting House kitchen; maintenance and vision for the spiritual and physical care of the

- house kitchen, maintenance and vision for the spiritual and physical care of the land, plants and animals on the ILYM grounds; and memorials to Friends. ECC has guidelines for making the yearly meeting grounds supportive of wildlife. In April, ECC plans to plant some trees, shrubs and herbs on the property. The committee is continuing to write and edit short biographical statements concerning Friends associated with memorial trees. ECC has requests to plant memorial trees for Paul Schobernd, Clance Wilson, Bob Wixom, and Clinton Wixom.
23. Mariellen Gilpin reported for the Ministry and Advancement Committee (M&A). M&A will be changing its structure somewhat by having co-clerks. Jeannie Marvin will concentrate on concerns related to ministry. Mariellen Gilpin will concentrate on concerns related to education and outreach. (See Nominating Report below.)
  24. M&A has created a subcommittee to work on death, dying, grief and transitions. There are four initiatives underway on this subject. a) Book reviews are being assembled and will eventually be put on the ILYM website and in *Among Friends*. b) The committee is looking into the possibility of publishing a little book called, *The Book of Hope and Comfort*, by Janet Means Underhill. M&A is considering recommending having Illinois Yearly Meeting publish it. c) M&A will have different workshops during annual sessions about aging, final wishes, and grieving. d) M&A is considering a weekend workshop on the Spirituality of Aging with George Shaefer, a Friend from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.
  25. M&A is developing a program for Quaker education and outreach in ILYM. The committee is working on three initiatives. The committee is collecting in-

formation about what ministry is actually happening currently in fulfillment of M&A's mission. Paul Buckley is presenting "Days of Spiritual Sustenance". (See the Field Secretary's report below.) The committee is considering inviting Brent Bill to present a weekend workshop with the topic of helping our meetings to become more vital. More information about Brent Bill's work is available at <http://www.congregationalresources.org>. The committee may invite Brent to come to an M&A meeting/retreat next Fall.

26. M&A is experimenting with the concept of offering clearness committees for Friends that may be away from their home Monthly Meetings (as often happens with adult young Friends).
27. Mariellen Gilpin added a personal report about Helene Pollock who has a leading to serve ILYM. She has been working with Mariellen in various activities including traveling with her as a praying elder.
28. Our reading clerk read the report from Paul Buckley, Field Secretary. Paul has been concentrating on two needs of our yearly meeting. The first is awareness of problems facing our smaller meetings. They often feel isolated, alone, and barely holding on. When spiritual opportunities are offered, they come at a distance and at a cost in time and money that frequently seems excessive. Secondly, our meetings need to nurture our spiritual nurturers. We often do not recognize the costs they bear on behalf of our meetings until they become overwhelming.
29. Paul has facilitated two "Days of Spiritual Sustenance" workshops for nurturing the nurturers and intends to do two more in March. These were held in different regional locations, with particular attention being paid to make them convenient for smaller meetings to attend. Costs were taken from the M&A budget. Each

meeting was asked to name only two or three people to attend. The participants have felt energized and have made new connections with their peers in other meetings. Other unintended benefits have also been felt especially in looking at the older roles of minister, elder and what used to be called overseer. Paul intends to do work more on this topic.

30. Janice Domanik reported for the Faith and Practice Committee (F&P). F&P has been working on two sections. The section on worship groups and preparative meetings has been modified and is on the website. They request your comments now. F&P expects to bring this to annual sessions in 2011 for approval for use for a 5-year provisional period. The committee has begun work on the section on meeting for worship, funerals, memorial meetings, death, and bereavement. The committee also requests that Friends continue to give comments as they use the sections that are under five year approval (marriage and monthly meetings.)
31. Chip Rorem reported for the Site Envisioning Committee. SE's focus this period was to issue queries on the future of the ILYM site to pertinent committees and all of our monthly meetings. Responses came quickly from several committees. A few monthly meetings followed shortly thereafter. The committee is awaiting input from quite a few others.
32. Sarah Pavlovic reported for the Nominating Committee. Resignations: The committee asks you to accept the resignations of the following Friend with gratitude for the service he has given the yearly meeting, Tim Narkiewicz from the position as Steward, effective when a replacement is identified. Accepted.

33. Assistant Recording Clerk / Recording Clerk: Mira Tanna will not be able to fulfill the term of assistant recording clerk / recording clerk through 2014, as reported to Fall 2010 Continuing Committee. The committee is currently seeking someone to take up that work as soon as possible and is grateful that Mira will continue to serve until someone is identified.
34. Nominees to ILYM Committees are as follows:
  - David Moorman and Bridget Rorem to Ministry and Advancement Committee. These two Friends will begin immediately participating in the work of Ministry and Advancement and then to serve three full year terms from June 2011 to June 2014. Approved.
  - Elizabeth Mertic to Handbook Committee effective upon approval for a term ending 2013 and Sue Styer to Handbook Committee effective upon approval for a term ending 2012. Approved.
  - Sean West to Publications Committee effective June 2011 for a term ending 2014. This will be brought to annual sessions.
  - Mariellen Gilpin (2011) and Jeannie Marvin (2013) to serve as co-clerks of Ministry and Advancement starting immediately. Both of these Friends are currently serving on that committee. Approved.
35. Terms for members of Site Envisioning Committee: The terms of service for members currently on the Site Envisioning Committee were not specified at Annual Sessions 2010. The following terms are designed to be staggered and renewable: Bill Howenstine and Janet Means Underhill 2012; Chip Rorem and Maurine Pyle 2013; Richard Ashdown and Chris Goode 2014. Approved.
36. Nominating Committee continues to seek individuals with gifts to share with the yearly meeting community. Of particular concern at present are a Steward, a

- yearly meeting community. Of particular concern at present are a Steward, a Recording Clerk, and members for Development, Ministry and Advancement, and Site Envisioning committees. If you know of a Friend who has such gifts, please pass on that information to a member of Nominating Committee. They are working to maintain a pool of names of those who have gifts to share, even if those Friends are not able to do so at present.
37. Elizabeth Mertic reported for the ad hoc committee appointed to study Quaker volunteer service. The committee sent queries to ILYM Friends. The responses from four monthly meetings thus far convey a strong commitment to Quaker service. After more responses are received, the committee will study the responses. The committee hopes to have a report at annual sessions.
  38. Judy Erickson reported for the Publications Committee. The 2010 Minute Books and Winter *Among Friends* have been published online and on paper, and the paper copies have been distributed to ILYM Meetings. There are 800 copies of the Minute Books and 600 copies of *Among Friends*.
  39. Thanks to the efforts of Wil Brant, the online version of *Among Friends* resides on a prototype for a new ILYM website. This new website is meant to be easy to navigate and visually appealing. The committee intends to transfer all the materials currently on our current Tikiwiki website to the new website. There may be links from the new site to archival materials on the old site until the transfer is complete. The committee hopes to make the new website the default website before our June 2011 sessions. The new site will have the ability to set up password-protected restricted areas. It can also have links to separate web presences.

40. The 2009 Plummer Lecture by Janice Domanik, which has been available on the web, is now available in a hard copy.
41. Our reading clerk read the report for the Peace Resources Committee (PRC). PRC will be offering a simplified version of the Peace Testimony workshop to monthly meetings. Members of the committee hope to travel to monthly meetings and worship groups to engage them in exploring their relationship to the Peace Testimony through the meeting-for-shared-concerns format that does not involve advanced preparation. This interaction could also include a mindfulness-through-movement exercise that has been developed by Madelyn George.
42. PRC is also working on collecting stories of Quaker service from yearly meeting Friends. These are on their blog that can be accessed through the ILYM website and Friends are encouraged to look at them.
43. Chicago South: Chicago South has announced 8 great reasons to come to Site Prep this year. They have also identified leaders for all jobs including Sue Styer as the overall coordinator and Judy Erickson is the coordinator for Site Prep. Chicago North: Ted Ehnle is coordinating workshops and reminds Friends to contact him soon with workshop ideas so that they may be listed in the invitation.  
Blue River Quarterly: No report was given but some Friends have been identified to work with our children at annual sessions.
44. Announcements:
  - We have ordered a slightly larger tent for dining outside for the sessions.
  - We would like to raise Friends' awareness that there are Amtrak stations not too far from McNabb. Friends who would like to take the train or might be willing to meet the trains should contact Sharon Haworth.

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- Zoe Rei has started a publication called *The Quake: A Magazine for Young Adult Friends* (<http://thequakemagazine.com/>) which publishes writings from adult young Friends, ages 16-35.
  - Women's Weekend is a different weekend this year, starting April 29. All women are welcome.
45. Continuing Committee thanks Downers Grove Meeting for their hospitality in their new meeting house, with especially hearty thanks for a hearty lunch and opening homes to overnight guests.
46. We closed with worship.

Friends who were present at Continuing Committee (there may be some others who missed signing the list): Dawn Amos, Southern Illinois; Wil Brant, 57<sup>th</sup> St.; Janice Domanik, Lake Forest; Ted Ehnle, Northside; Judy Erickson, Oak Park; David Finke, Columbia; Nancy Finke, Columbia; Cathy Garra, Lake Forest; Mariellen Gilpin, Urbana-Champaign; Chris Goode, Downers Grove/Clear Creek; Sharon Haworth, Urbana-Champaign; Pam Kuhn, Lake Forest; Ted Kuhn, Lake Forest; Brad Laird, South Bend; Roger Laughlin, Evanston; Virginia Laughlin, Evanston; Janet Means Underhill, Lake Forest; Elizabeth Mertic, Lake Forest/Evanston; Grayce Mesner, Clear Creek; Neil Mesner, Clear Creek; Noel Pavlovic, Duneland; Sarah Pavlovic, Duneland; Chip Rorem, 57<sup>th</sup> St.; Beth Schobernd, Clear Creek; David Shiner, Lake Forest; Mira Tanna, St. Louis; Monica Tetzlaff, South Bend; Bobbi Trist, Urbana-Champaign; Sue Tursman, Evanston; David Wixom, St. Louis; Karl Zerfoss, Downers Grove; and Carol Zimmerman, Downers Grove.



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**MITTEE** Clerk: Dawn Rubbert

Noel Pavlovic

## **ILYM COMMITTEES**

**AD HOC COMMITTEE TO STUDY VOLUNTEER CONCERNS**

Mark Mattaini  
Elizabeth Mertic  
Bobbi Trist

**ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

2012 Dawn Rubbert  
2013 Mark Amos  
2014 Margaret Katramides  
*Ex-Officio:* Presiding & Assistant Clerks

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE:** Clerk: Nancy Halliday

2012 Peggy Boyer Long  
2012 Chris Goode  
2012 John Hackman  
2012 Adrian Nelson  
2012 Noel Pavlovic  
2012 Sarah Pavlovic  
2013 Alice Howenstine  
2013 Bill Howenstine  
2013 Mark McGinnis  
2013 Roy Treadway  
2014 Adrian Fisher  
2014 Nancy Halliday  
2014 Don Moorman

**FAITH & PRACTICE COMMITTEE** Clerk: Peter Lasersohn

Janice Domanik  
Peter Lasersohn  
Colleen Reardon  
Larry Stout

erks: Neil Mesner & Diane Clark-Dennis

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** Clerk: Judy Jager

2012 Margie Haworth Davis

2012 Judy Jager

2012 Ashlee Miller

2013 Cathy Garra

2013 Sandy Huntley

2013 Bruce Kanarek

2013 Pam Kuhn

2013 Ted Kuhn

**REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Dawn Amos

Janice Domanik

Sandy Huntley

**HANDBOOK COMMITTEE:** Clerk: Elizabeth Mertic

2012 Sue Styer

2013 Elizabeth Mertic

2014 David Finke

**MAINTENANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE:** Co-Chair

2012 Diane Clark-Dennis

2012 Bill Howenstine

2013 Neil Mesner

2013 Jason Dennis

2014 John Hackman

2014 Chuck Howenstine

2014 Kevin Sues

*Ex-Officio:* Stewards

Co-Clerks: Mariellen Gilpin & Jeannie Marvin

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John Knox

**MINISTRY AND ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE**

2012 Beth Burbank  
2012 Beth Schobernd  
2013 Jeannie Marvin  
2013 Joan Pine  
2014 Wil Brant  
2014 Fernando Freire  
2014 Mariellen Gilpin  
2014 David Moorman  
2014 Bridget Rorem

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

2012 Michael Dennis  
2013 Ruth Marquez  
2013 David Rutschman

*Ex-Officio:* Presiding Clerk

**PEACE RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

Clerk: Breeze Richa

2012 Michael Batinski  
2012 Kent Busse  
2012 Chuck Hutchcraft  
2012 Mark McGinnis  
2012 Dawn Rubbert  
2013 Phyllis Reynolds  
2013 Breeze Richardson

**PEACE TAX FUND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

Clerk:

2012 John Knox  
2013 Chris Jocius  
2014 Elizabeth Mertic

Clerk: Judy Erickson

ne Young

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE** Clerk: Mike Dennis  
2012 Roxy Jacobs  
2012 Dawn Rubbert  
2013 Mike Dennis  
2011 Beth Schobernd

**PUBLICATIONS AND DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE:**  
2013 Dawn Amos  
2013 Judy Erickson  
2013 Rick Robey  
2014 Marcia Nelson  
2014 Sean West

*Ex-Officio:* Presiding & Recording Clerks, *Among Friends* editor

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE:** Clerk: Kathern  
2013 Elke Narkiewicz  
2013 Marie White  
2013 Jeannie Marvin  
2013 Christina Schulz  
2014 Katherine Young  
2014 Erin Taylor

**SITE ENVISIONING COMMITTEE** Clerk: Chip Rorem  
2012 Bill Howenstine  
2012 Janet Means Underhill  
2013 Maurine Pyle  
2013 Chip Rorem  
2014 Dick Ashdown  
2014 Chris Goode  
2014 Angie Reeks



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**OTHER QUAKER ORGANIZATIONS  
ATTENTION**

**WITTEE**

**ORDER & QUEER CONCERNS**

**YOUTH OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE:** Clerk: David Wixom

2012 David Wixom  
2012 Michael Dennis  
2013 Peter Albright  
2013 Mark Amos  
2013 Kate Gunnell  
2013 Chris Morrissey  
2013 Fay Anderson  
2014 Fariba Murray

*Ex-Officio:* Youth Coordinator & Teen clerks:

**APPOINTMENTS TO WIDE**

**AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE CORPOR**

2013 Carol Bartles  
2013 Todd Kuzma

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**FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL LEGISLATION**

2012 Kevin Brubaker  
2013 Brad Ogilvie  
2013 Tom Simpson  
2014 Wil Rutt

**FRIENDS GENERAL CONFERENCE CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

2013 Charley Earp  
2013 Gaelan McQueen

**FRIENDS FOR LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER**

2013 Colleen Reardon

**FRIENDS PEACE TEAMS**

2012 Debra Penna-Fredericks

**SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES**

**TEE):**

**SESSION COMMITTEES**

Tom Kuhn, Elizabeth Mertic, Tom Paxson, and Susanna Davison  
and Monica Tetzlaff

**QUARTERLY GENERAL CLERKS:**

Blue River Quarterly: David Wixom  
Metropolitan Chicago General: Martha Turner

Quarterly

**FRIENDS SECONDARY SCHOOL LIAISONS**

2013 Olney: Grayce Mesner

2012 Scattergood: \_\_\_\_\_

**FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE FOR CONSULTATION**

2012 Mark Amos

2013 David Shiner

**QUAKER EARTH-CARE WITNESS**

2012 John Hackman

2013 Roy Treadway

**INDIVIDUALS WITH SP**

**AMONG FRIENDS EDITOR:**

Wil Brant

**RECORDS LIBRARIAN:**

Brent Eckert

**WEB CONTACT (CLERK OF PUBLICATIONS COMMIT**

Judy Erickson

**YEARLY MEETING**

**2011 CLERK'S COMMITTEE:**

Dawn Amos, Janice Domanik, Margaret Katranides, Pa

**2011 EPISTLE COMMITTEE:** Steve Kuhn, Noel Pavlovic, an

**2011 EXERCISES COMMITTEE:** Eva Hare and Ted Kuhn

**2012 YEARLY MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Friends Under Nineteen & Recreation: Chicago North

Food and Adult Program: Chicago South

Site Preparation/Housekeeping/Cleanup: Blue River Q

**NG COMMITTEE**

h Monthly Meeting and Worship Group:

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Appointed Representatives to Continuing Committee from each

BlNr	*Bob Broad
ClCr	Grayce Mesner
Colm	Nancy Finke
DwG	Chris Goode
Dunl	Sarah Pavlovic
Evan	Meredith George
57th	Chip & Bridget Rorem
LkFo	David Shiner
NSde	Charley Earp
OakP	Judy Erickson
Oshk	*Tom Barlow
RkVa	Ann & Brent Eckert
Rolla	Chris Jocius
StLo	*Kurt Thoroughman
SBend	Brad Laird
SoIl	Dawn Amos
SpRv	Erin Taylor
SpWG	*Peg Kruger
UFV	Peter Albright
UrCh	Sharon Haworth

\*Clerk or Contact information; representative not appointed.