

Report of ILYM 2014 Planning Committee

Phyllis Reynolds (Evanston) and Gwen Weaver (Lake Forest) co-convened Chicago North Friends on September 14, 2013 to plan the 2014 Annual Sessions of Illinois Yearly Meeting.

We chose as our theme “Listen, Speak, Welcome, Belong – A Call to Community!” Our theme names behaviors essential to living in a community of diverse individuals, as we all do in multiple contexts in our lives. We call the members and attenders of ILYM to live as Friends in all the various communities to which they belong, at monthly and yearly meetings, at home, at work, in their neighborhoods and elsewhere.

Judy Jager (Evanston) has accepted our invitation to deliver the Plummer Lecture.

Michael Birkel, Professor of Religion at Earlham College, has accepted our invitation to speak to our theme on Wednesday evening. We’ve asked him to remind us of Friends’ historical experiences related to living faithfully in community.

We await replies to invitations to several other speakers, and continue to develop plans for workshops and worship sharing. The Planning Committee will meet again on November 16 at 10 am at Lake Forest Friends Meeting.

Gwen Weaver, on behalf of Planning Committee