

Adult Young Friends Epistle 2014

Greetings from Adult Young Friends of Illinois Yearly Meeting (ILYM) to all Friends worldwide,

We as Adult Young Friends (AYF) have experienced increasing momentum and depth of spiritual ministry among ourselves as well as in our participation in the body of the yearly meeting.

AYF potlucks have consistently been a place of fellowship and spiritual depth throughout the year. We are committed to ongoing programming with an emphasis on connecting Friends across geographic distance.

With the highest participation in ILYM Annual Sessions in recent years, AYFs were also led to create a coordinating committee with co-clerks, a treasurer, high school liaison, and coordinators for events, communication, and outreach. For us, these changes indicate an unprecedented level of organization.

This palpable momentum is the manifestation of years of dedicated work, and our hearts are full of joy! Individual young adults report feeling spiritually renewed and challenged. We have found ourselves prepared to participate fully in the life of the meeting, rather than in fellowship alone.

This is the second year in a row that LGBTQ concerns were brought to Annual Sessions, and we were deeply moved. We have a sense that profound social change may be achieved through careful discernment and strengthening the bonds of our communities.