



Tending the garden . . .

Bulletin

New Bulletin, New Editor, New Publication Policy by Eric Starbuck

This issue of the Bulletin does NOT include all the Minutes and Reports of Lake Erie Yearly Meeting for Worship and Business 2000.

It has a new editor, a new format, and a new publication policy. David Lore has retired after ten appreciated years. He will be missed. Eric Starbuck, of Akron Meeting, is trying to fill his role. (Please be gentle.)

The new format you can see.

New Publication Policy

LEYM will publish a bound *Annual Report* with all YM and Representative Meeting minutes, reports, monthly meeting reports, membership statistics, and other information. It will be more than 70 pages. Other *Bulletins* are reduced to 8 pages.

This transitional *Bulletin* will

be longer. Next year, most of the YM information in this issue will be only in the *Annual Report*.

Winter *Bulletin* will continue to publish reports from wider Quaker organizations like AFSC, FCNL, and other groups.

Spring *Bulletin* will report Representative Meeting Minutes.

The History and Archives Committee investigated annual report options. They were so enthusiastic most of them volunteered for the new Publications Committee.

All The Facts

We will be collecting much more information than before. Please send in State of Meeting Reports! We hope to put an accurate membership list for all LEYM members in the *Annual Report*, along with births, deaths, and other

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Clerk's Message by Don Nagler

Thomas Kelly said, "The Quaker discovery and message has always been that God lives and moves, works and guides in vivid immediacy, within the hearts of people... Religion must be able to enlist the whole of people -- their spirit, their whole personality. Re-

ligion must bring unification within the individual and give directions to groups. It is that to which one's life can be committed with all one's being."

I would like to start by telling

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Clerk's Message

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you about a quality of Meetings for Worship with attention to Business that I have experienced where the pace is much slower than at LEYM, and there is more silent worship. At these Friends gather in a hush of Presence and prayerful intention. A long period of silent worship precedes the opening of the books and the initiation of business by the clerk. There is attention to silent worship before verbal responses and after responses. There is a pulse to the worship as from a spiritual heart-beat, and one can be contained in a rhythm, like waves on a beach in moonlight or a breathing breeze through a window. There is a timeless sense of expectation and nurture that carries the business, the waiting for reading and writing, the searching for solutions to problems in God's presence. The business is surrounded by the worship, infused by it, bathed in it, in a way, as the worshipers are. Each session is closed with a period of silent worship and the shaking of hands, as one feels some quality of wholeness, rest and freshening in the heart.

Urgency and Frustration

Our meeting for worship with attention to business, also, in the silences, and the speaking, the reports, and the waiting, the expectation and the blessing can be a part of a steam of worship. It can feel more and more like the peace and power of our First Day meetings at home or before and after Connie McPeak's plenary story -- renewing, refreshing as a source of strength, peace and joy.

How does LEYM wish to move with respect to the conduct of its business in worship? Do we want to make some changes in the way we do it? For one thing, you will witness a new clerk in the process of climbing a steep learning curve and needing help and forgiveness on a regular basis. As I see it, for one thing, we need to devote significantly more time to the meeting for business, even if we do not wish to slow our pace. (Several important reports could not be received in the sessions this year. We felt rushed by time constraints.) We are doing better in speaking only after clerk recognition and with personal identification. Do we feel an urgency to get through the work that is destructive of worship; an impatience with minute composition time or if the clerk does not wish to have speaking for a period of time? (I wonder if our [my] reticence to speak in silent worship is compensated for by our [my] pell-mell urgency to speak without reflection in business meeting?) We (I) need to develop spiritual habits of caring and depth. Part of our frustration and pain in meetings for business may be a function of expectations which are much dif-

ferent from what we carry habitually to regular meeting for worship.

Tenderness and Joy

We need more of our business to be conducted in the morning, and be more timely in arrival for worship and business. Our sessions are next to the dining area where we enjoy food and conversation. I would suggest that a small bell be rung three minutes before and one minute before the onset of business meeting. It would be well to break for stretching quietly after every hour or so and close each session of business with handshakes and hugs.

At this year's LEYM, Connie McPeak's story of her spiritual journey, so movingly told as coming directly from her heart, was a precious gift to us. It was spoken between two deep meetings for worship which gave me a sense of looking at the surface of a flowing river with current rising up from the depths in power, carrying me onward. My hope is that this Spirit will be with us now and throughout the year, supporting us in our lives together, so that we interact with tenderness and joy and grieve at parting.

Don Nagler, clerk

New Bulletin, New Editor, New Policy

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changes in membership for each meeting, all State of Meeting reports, all committee reports, and all epistles. Essentially everything you'll need to know each year will be in the *Annual Report*.

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Summary of Yearly Meeting Minutes (Full Minutes in the Annual Report)

Finance

Connie Bimber (Oberlin), Treasurer, and Michael Fuson (Granville), Budget and Finance Committee, reported that the Yearly Meeting is doing "intentional deficit spending" to decrease our surplus. See attached Report. Friends approved an increase in annual contributions from meetings to \$16 for those meetings which count children, \$18 for those which do not count children, and 20% increase for those that use some other means. This would bring LEYM to only a \$1000 deficit next year.

Finance and Budget Committee will investigate appropriate liability coverage for the yearly meeting (limited to coverage for our young Friends while they are participating in the LEYM youth events that occur during this summer and fall). If the LEYM executive committee decides to obtain this one-time coverage, information about the executive committee decision will be published in a future issue of the *LEYM Bulletin*. Since there is not complete unity within the yearly meeting on the need for liability insurance coverage for the yearly meeting, the Adult and Family Program Committee is asked to consider providing space during the 2001 yearly meeting sessions for the yearly meeting's continuing consideration of the necessity of liability coverage for the yearly meeting.

Web Site, Labels, Isolated Meetings

Sally Weaver Sommer (Broadmead) reported for the Advancement Committee. The LEYM web page has been developed but is not presently available on the World Wide Web. Marvin Barnes (Birmingham) described what currently appears — and what could appear — on the LEYM web site. Friends approved making the LEYM web page available on the World Wide Web. (Address: <http://www.quaker.org/leym>) Susan Jeffers (Ann Arbor) announced that directories listing LEYM monthly meetings are available. Friends thank Susan for editing and publishing these directories. Susan agreed to supply LEYM committees mailing labels to monthly meetings on request. Three changes were approved to *LEYM Policies and Procedures* concerning the Advancement and Outreach Committee. The Committee is working in conjunction with worship groups in Michigan to plan for an event that will bring these groups together; they will attend events already planned by Broadmead and some worship groups in West Virginia to ease the isolation such groups often feel.

Representative Meeting

Representative Meeting will be hosted by Kent

and Akron meetings on March 3, 2001.

Publications Committee and Annual Report

Leonora Cayard (Pittsburgh), reporting for the History and Archives Committee, proposed that LEYM publish its minutes, committee reports, and other documents in a "book format." Copies of a sample annual report book were distributed for Friends to examine. LEYM was asked to appoint a Publications Committee, consisting of a clerk, the editor of the annual report book, the editor of the *LEYM Bulletin*, and three additional members. The Publications Committee will be responsible for all publications of the yearly meeting. The first Publications Committee will consist of the new *LEYM Bulletin* editor (who also expects to be the editor of the annual report book) and members of the History and Archives Committee. These were approved.

Youth and Children Program Committee

Gretchen Dixon (Pittsburgh), reporting for the Youth and Children Program Committee, recommended changes to the *LEYM Policies and Procedures* that re-structure the Children and Youth Program Committee and change the manner in which members of this committee are nominated. This proposal was approved. Friends express thanks to Gretchen and Garret Dixon for their work on behalf of the Youth and Children Program Committee.

LEYM Bulletin

David Lore, reporting as the outgoing editor of the *LEYM Bulletin*, said he would like to thank Friends for their support during the ten years that he has served in that position. The new editor is Eric Starbuck (Akron). David said he would like to see more and different voices in the *Bulletin* and that Eric is looking in particular for feature articles, news of what LEYM friends are doing, "State of the Meeting" reports, etc. David would like to thank the other members of the Newsletter Committee: Paula Deming (Delaware), Susan Jeffers (Ann Arbor), Rosemary Lore (Granville), and Ella Young (North Columbus).

Thanks to Bob Roehm

Friends express thanks to Bob Roehm for seven years of service to LEYM as the yearly meeting's recording clerk. Creating a permanent record of our business proceedings is not an easy task, and Bob's efforts have been a gift to the yearly meeting.

More Business

Several items were left to Representative Meeting.

Summarized by Eric Starbuck

God's Work in My Life: Plenary Address

Connie McPeak

Connie was no more or less spiritual than many. She tried some meditations as a teen, joined a spiritual study group, found the sweetness of silent communion with others.

It was hard work. Drugs, caffeine, and partying worked quicker.

She went on with the energy of youth, to marry, bear children, and work as a nurse. Still there was a god-shaped hole. Daily routine left her too busy to worry. Things went well. Then the bottom fell out.

Connie's World Fell Apart.

Her marriage crashed. A friend died. Her son entered the hospital.

That's not supposed to happen to Super Mom. All the identifiers, definitions, supports -- all the worth-giving things in her life were shaken. It was somehow her fault that she couldn't make it all work.

She was terrified, devastated, had nowhere to go. She cried out to God.

Thank A Tree

People came to help. "Here's what you do."

"OK." (I'll try anything!)

"Ask God to be with you every morning. Every evening, thank God for being with you. If you can't handle God, let it be anything. Thank a tree at the end of the driveway."

"OK." (Thanking trees? Well -- I'll try anything.)

It made a subtle difference. Trusting God as helper or guide. Feeling safe.

The SOB Prayer

Things got in the way. Connie had a huge resentment for her ex. She thought about the wrongs he'd dealt her all the time.

People said: "Pray for him."

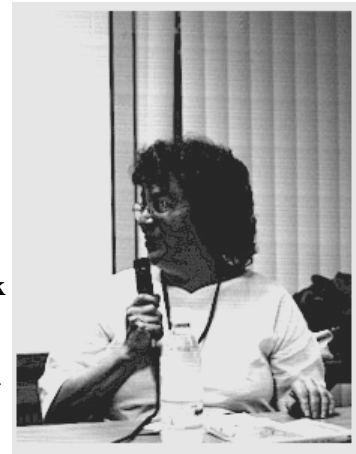
"I don't want to." (The SOB.)

"You must. Use the SOB prayer. You don't have to mean it. Just do it. Do it with clenched teeth if necessary. *Ask that God give this person everything he needs to be made whole.*"

So for weeks, Connie used the SOB Prayer as a mantra, teeth grinding. "There was a softening, a shift in me." Twenty years later, they're good friends. He has done much healing, as has she.

Heeding the Call

One time, she was fired with a pink slip in her pay envelope 5:00 Friday. No warning. Normally this would enervate her weekend, drive her crazy with worry until she could look for work Monday. Not now. She went into prayer, found the quiet place, and managed to spend a soothing night. Later that weekend, she received a call from her uncle, asking her to nurse their dying grandfather. Being fired freed her for the family work.



Connie McPeak
Photo by John Savage

As her parenting role ended and her children moved away, Connie offered God the time newly available. God sent her to a caregiver's seminar via scholarships. She was sent to Alaska, with surprising coincidences taking care of the money.

Alaska was a sweet time, a grace-filled time. A contemplative rhythm, scripture study and journaling, wild beauty around; she could hear the little nudges. She wanted to stay, and prayed about it.

"You're to go home." (Don't want to.)

But she came home. To a meeting badly hurting. They were having trouble loving each other, dealing with conflicts. She began a long journey getting one little piece right at a time.

Life is About Your Relationship With God

Fear is no longer so difficult for Connie. It's a reminder to turn back to God. Use the SOB prayer. "I'm remembering for myself the experience of unconditional total love, seeing myself in that embrace, and inviting the other in."

She has to keep dealing with blocks: "Who am I mad at this week?" Anger, resentment, pride, ego: these are sin. They block the flow with God. There's no room for God when you are protecting turf, or worrying about "when they'll find out I'm a fool." When life is scary, life is good. That's when you go to God for help.

Prepared by Eric Starbuck from notes.

Calendar

Lake Erie Yearly Meeting

See the Registration Forms inside the last page for the Fall Youth and Spiritual Formation Retreats.

- ü **9/8/00-9/10/00** SPIRITUAL FORMATION RETREAT, EM-RICH RETREAT & CONFERENCE CENTER, BRIGHTON, MI
- ü **9/15/00** DEADLINE FOR LEYM ANNUAL REPORT BOOKLET
- ü **9/22/00-9/24/00** FALL GATHERING OF QUAKERS IN WV, HOSTED BY 2 LEYM MEETINGS AND A SAYMA MEETING (SEE P. 7)
- ü **9/29/00-10/1/00** SPIRITUAL FORMATION RETREAT, FRIENDS CENTER AT OLNEY
- ü **10/6/00-10/8/00** FALL YOUTH RETREAT: APPRECIATING GOD'S CREATION
- ü **1/1/01** DEADLINE FOR M & O QUERIES
- ü **1/15/01** DEADLINE FOR WINTER *BULLETIN*
- ü **3/3/01** LEYM REPRESENTATIVE MEETING, KENT, OH
- ü **3/15/01** DEADLINE FOR SPRING *BULLETIN*
- ü **5/11/01-5/13/01** SPIRITUAL FORMATION CLOSING RETREAT (BOTH CENTERS)
- ü **6/14/01-6/17/01** LAKE ERIE YEARLY MEETING, BLUFFTON

Wider Quaker Events

- ü **7/22/00-7/30/00:** FWCC 20TH TRIENNIAL, GENEVA POINT, NH
- ü **8/17/00-8/21/00:** FGC RELIGIOUS EDUCATORS INSTITUTE: AWAKENING MINDS AND HEARTS, SHENANDOAH VALLEY, VA (PAGE 10)
- ü **10/6/00-10/9/00:** YOUNG QUAKES CONFERENCE 2000. (PAGE 10)

Friends Center at Olney, Barnesville, OH
740-425-1248

- ü **9/29/00-10/1/00:** SPIRITUAL FORMATION RETREAT
- ü **10/13/00-10/15/00:** *THE LEAP INTO HOMESTEADING: A COTTAGE FARMING/CROFTING WEEKEND*, SCOTT SAVAGE
- ü **3/3/01-3/5/01:** *READING THE BIBLE WITH QUAKER EYES*, TOM GATES
- ü **3/30/01-4/1/01:** *COME TO THE WATERS, A SILENT RETREAT*, JEAN COOPER AND FRAN TABER
- ü **4/27/01-4/29/01:** *NURTURING THE SPIRITUAL LIFE: ELDERING*, SUSAN SMITH
- ü **5/11/01-5/13/01:** SPIRITUAL FORMATION CLOSING RETREAT
- ü **6/1/01-6/3/01:** *SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE FROM THE WRITINGS OF ISAAC AND MARY PENINGTON*, VIRGINIA SCHURMAN

4th Annual Fall Youth Retreat Appreciating God's Creation

The Fall Retreat will once again be held at Templed Hills, October 6-8 in Bellville, Ohio, about 10 miles south of Mansfield. This is a great time to renew old friendships and make new ones. Any LEYM youth, member or attender, ages 6 through 13 is invited to participate. The weekend revolves around a chosen Quaker theme with large and small group activities. Evening campfires, night hikes, arts and crafts, and games are also included.

Activities

The older youth, ages 10-13, will be going on a 7 mile canoe trip down the Mohican River on Saturday. All canoes and life jackets will be provided through the Mohican Canoe Livery. Adult supervision will be provided by LEYM parent volunteers.

The younger youth, ages 6-9, will be focusing on the beautiful and natural surroundings at Templed Hills. Nature hikes and studying animals will be part of their weekend.

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Eight Spiritual Formation Groups Deepen Awareness This Year

Helen Horn and Thomas Taylor, overseers

Eight Spiritual Formation Groups have met at least monthly since last October in Lansing, North Columbus, Cleveland, Ann Arbor, Barnesville, Athens and Kent. Fifty-six people participated, with 40 attending a Fall Retreat and 30 a spring retreat. Those involved were challenged to adopt one or more regular spiritual practices. This would help them heighten their awareness of the Spirit. They would absorb a group reading each month from a topic: *Inviting the Presence; Choosing a Discipline; Testimony thru Journal or Autobiography; Devotion; Quaker Community; Prayer; Discernment; or Ministry in the World.* Group meetings usually involved silent worship, sharing responses to the readings, reporting on their spiritual practices, and how the Spirit seemed to be moving currently in their lives. Sharing a meal or snacks was part of many group gatherings as well.

Good Sources

Everyone expressed gratitude for the spiritual openness which develops in these small committed groups. Many mentioned how helpful it is to be accountable to others when you are trying to hold to a

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Spiritual Formation

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spiritual discipline. Many became aware of the diversity of inner challenges we face and the many forms of resistance there are to hearing Guidance, feeling the loving Presence and learning from difficulties. The richness of our diverse spiritual journeys and responses to the readings was also mentioned repeatedly. Useful readings were: Punshon's *Encounter with Silence*; Borg's *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time*; Woolman's *Journal*; Loring's *Listening Spirituality*; Horn's *There is a Fountain, The Psalms and Job*.

Difficulty With The Discipline

It was difficult for the groups to meet more than once a month. Not everyone made it to both spring and fall retreats. The chosen readings met with a spectrum of responses. Fewer readings approached in greater depth might have been more nourishing to some. Many found it difficult to hold to their chosen practices on a regular basis, despite their sense that they brought the Spirit closer.

Most of the Meetings involved hope to continue their groups next year, incorporating new members and perhaps experiment with telling spiritual journey stories and spiritual Friendship as well. Many grew from greater awareness of Inner Guidance and the groups' caring support.

We are grateful to those who provided leadership: Virginia Schurman and Fran and Bill Taber at the Olney Friends Center; Barbarajene Williams, Connie McPeak and Marty Grundy at the Michigan Friends Center. The program's oversight committee consisted of Sara Christensen, Glenda Haskell, Carolyn Holland, Tom Taylor, Janet Smith, Ruth Taber, Merry Stanford and Weaver Bloomfield.

Connie McPeak's Questions

Perhaps all of us in LEYM should ask ourselves these questions:

In relation to the life of the spirit, what is it that I yearn for? What is it that I am willing to do? What is the next step? How can the group (or others in my life) help?

Information/Registration

Those interested in reading fuller evaluations of the groups' experiences may contact Helen at dhhorn@frognet.net; 740-698-8625 or Tom at tomnancytaylor@compuserve.com; 734-995-6803.

For information on the nine-month program and

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Love Made Visible

by Don Nagler, clerk

Do you feel that this Yearly Meeting is growing into something new and more expressive of God's will for us? I feel that we are truly becoming more of a community of shared concerns and practice, moving beyond the functions mainly dealing with the annual gathering to those empowering the life of the Spirit among and within us throughout the year. The report of the Spiritual Formation Groups program this year speaks to this leaven among us, creating new disciplines and interpersonal growth. All of us are pleased by the efforts of Gretchen Dixon and others to give our children and youth experiences which deepen their lives at the annual gathering and fall and spring retreats. The commitment to this work by numerous Friends and the work of the Nominating Committee to find this commitment is as Kahlil Gibran said, "love made visible". The Advancement Committee and the Publications Committee and Eric Starbuck are giving many hours to us now and in the coming year.

Ministry and Oversight is understaffed to perform the functions that we ask of it. As stipulated in the Policies and Procedures, "all monthly meetings should appoint a member to serve on this committee", if possible. the names and addresses (including e-mail) should be sent to the clerk, Tom Taylor, 324 Hilldale Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48105, phone 734-995-6803, tomnancytaylor@compuserve.com in the near future. At Representatives Meeting and the annual gathering, this committee has many participants who are not appointed by their meetings or the Nominating Committee and who might volunteer to be appointed by their meeting. How about it?

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The facility can accommodate 24 youth participants. The staff requests that children coming to the Fall Retreat are willing to participate in the activities set up by our staff and the staff at Temple Hills. The cost of the Retreat will be \$30 for each youth. This includes all meals and materials the child will need for the weekend. Adult volunteers are needed to help in the kitchen*, supervise on the canoe trip, and be a pair of extra hands for the LEYM Retreat staff. The cost for each adult will also be \$30.

*We are in need of a chef. Interested? Call Joyce Callahan at (216) 691-0269 or e-mail her at jmc2mail@aol.com for details.

Deadline for registration is September 15. Questions? Call Carla Pratt-Harrington at (740) 594-8166 or e-mail her at dphdo@aol.com

2000-2001 Nominating Committee Report

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2001: Ginger Swank (Granville)
2002: Patricia Campbell (Detroit) (clerk)
2002: John Howell (Athens)
2003: Nancy Nagler (Pine River)
2003: Dale Pratt-Harrington (Athens)

Advancement and Outreach (3-year terms)

2001: Deb Kociszewski (Broadmead)
2001: Susan Jeffers (Ann Arbor)
2002: John Savage (North Columbus) (co-clerk)
2002: Sally Weaver Sommer (Broadmead) (co-clerk)
2003: Marvin Barnes (Birmingham)
2003: Erika Smith (Ann Arbor)

Arrangements and Site (3-year terms)

2001: Olwen Pritchard (Broadmead)
2001:
2002: Amy Heritage (Broadmead)
2002: Jon Sommer (Broadmead) (clerk)
2003: Claire Davis (Broadmead)
2003: Judy Greenberg (Broadmead)

Finance and Budget (3-year terms)

2001: Joe Davis (Broadmead) (clerk)
2002: Harriet Greenwood (Birmingham)
2003: Charles Drayer (Broadmead)
2003: Eric Starbuck (Akron)

History and Archives (3-year terms)

2001: Leonora Cayard (Pittsburgh) (clerk)
2001: Su Penn (Red Cedar)
2002: Ann Brown (Mid-Ohio Valley)
2002: Joseph Mills (Kalamazoo)
2003:
2003:

Ministry and Oversight (3-year terms)

2001: David Stilwell (Kent)
2001: Richard Taylor (Oberlin)
2002: Miyo Bassett (Ann Arbor)
2002: LeRoy Curtis (Wooster)

2003: Chris Hawkins (Granville)
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2002: Bill Hummon (Athens)
2002: Peter Wood (Red Cedar)
2003: David Lore (Granville)
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Peace (3-year terms)

2001: Carolyn Diem (Ann Arbor)
2001: Jim Satterwhite (Broadmead)
2002: David Bassett (Ann Arbor)
2002: Meg Hummon (Athens)
2003: Peter Crowley (Cleveland)
2003:

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2001: Joseph Mills (Kalamazoo)
2001: Eric Starbuck (Akron)
2001: Ruth Taber (Broadmead)

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Upper Elementary Leader: Steve Conner (Ann Arbor)

Upper Elementary Assistant:

Middle School Leader: Ellen Barnes (Birmingham)

Middle School Assistant: Michael Fuson (Granville)

High School Leader: Kate Eaton (North Columbus)

High School Assistant:

Fall Retreat Clerk: Donna Hawkins (Granville)

Fall Retreat Assistant Clerk: Carla Pratt-Harrington (Athens)

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American Friends Service Committee (3-year terms, 4 representatives)

2001: Dolores Avner (Pittsburgh)
2001: James Satterwhite (Broadmead)
2002: Richard Taylor (Oberlin)

2003: John Schneider (Broadmead)

Friends Committee on National Legislation (3-year terms, 6 representatives)

2001: David Bassett (Ann Arbor)
2001: Sadie Taylor (Oberlin)
2002: Lila Cornell (Pittsburgh)
2002: Thomas Taylor (Ann Arbor)
2003: Michael Fuson (Granville)
2003: Gerry McNabb (Oberlin)

Friends Committee on Unity with Nature (1-year term)

2001: Dick Hogan (Athens)

Friends for Lesbian and Gay Concerns (1-year term):

2001: Kate Eaton (North Columbus)

Friends General Conference (3-year terms, 5 representatives)

2001: Leonora Cayard (Pittsburgh)
2001:
2002: Star Mary Castro (Athens)
2002:
2003:

Friends World Committee for Consultation (3-year terms, 5 representatives)

2000/2001: Joyce Balderston (Wooster)
2000/2001: Beth Joy Blackbird (Pine River)
2001/2002: Merry Stanford (Red Cedar)
2001/2002: Margaret Kanost (Birmingham)
2002/2003: Richard Lee (Red Cedar)

Olney Friends School (1-year term)

2000: Bill Brown (Mid-Ohio Valley)

William Penn House (1-year term)

2000: Sadie Taylor (Oberlin)

Spiritual Formation

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two retreats for 2000-2001 please contact Glenda Haskell, 1619 Pontiac Trail, Ann Arbor, MI 48105; hasreich@aol.com; 734-665-1775.

Friends are invited. Try to join the same retreats as others in your local group. The fee includes accommodation, meals and sessions for both retreats. Registration form inside back *Bulletin* cover.

Lake Erie Yearly Meeting 2000 Attendees

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The new LEYM Directory of Meetings was distributed at Yearly Meeting.

Friends should feel free to make copies for LEYM folks who want one. If your Meeting or Worship Group needs a copy, or if your LEYM committee needs mailing labels for Monthly Meetings, please contact Susan Jeffers, *****

It was also suggested that each meeting have a permanent mailing address (the meeting house or a PO box) so that the ever-changing clerk names and addresses don't have to be maintained. That way mail could just be sent to Clerk, X Monthly Meeting, Permanent Address. **THEREFORE:** Please check the Directory of Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups for your Meeting, send any corrections to Susan Jeffers, and, if there is no permanent mailing address, please consider getting one. Thanks very much!

Susan Jeffers

Ministry & Oversight Committee: Query

Meetings: Please answer the query below by January 1, 2001. Send a copy to Tom Taylor, new clerk of LEYM M & O Committee.

1. What are the essentials in Quakerism with which all members need to agree? Which deep elements in our tradition are crucial to remember?
2. What are the responsibilities of being a Meeting member?
3. How do we encourage and support regular attenders to consider becoming members?

Helen Horn, Recorder

Treasurer's Report July 1, 1999 - June 30, 2000

Connie Bimber

FUND	OPENING			CURRENT
	BALANCE	INCOME	EXPENSES	BALANCE
General Fund	\$ 17,526.60	\$ 14,149.60	\$ 17,499.32	\$ 14,176.88
Annual Meeting	\$ 447.38	\$ 11,458.25	\$ 962.99	\$ 10,942.64
Triennial Travel	\$ 4,400.83	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 3,909.88	\$ 1,690.95
Granville Friends Y.F.	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 10.60		\$ 5,510.60
Youth Activity Fund	\$ 146.88	\$ 2,358.15	\$ 1,897.71	\$ 607.32
Spiritual Formation Grp		\$ 4,262.76	\$ 2,669.69	\$ 1,593.07
TOTALS	\$ 28,021.69	\$ 33,439.36	\$ 26,939.59	\$ 34,521.46

ANNUAL MEETING	
Balance July 1, 1999	\$ 447.38
Expense	\$ 962.99
Income - transfer	\$ 11,458.25
Balance June 30, 2000	\$ 10,942.64
Note: Bills from Bluffton and others not yet received.	

ACCOUNT	OPENING			CURRENT
	BALANCE	DEPOSITS	DEBITS	BALANCE
CHECKING	\$ 8,893.75	\$ 30,295.43	\$ 24,416.54	\$ 14,772.64
SHOREBANK	\$ 6,830.69	\$ 309.90		\$ 7,140.59
SHOREBANK	\$ 6,797.25	\$ 300.38		\$ 7,097.63
SOUTHSHORE BANK	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 10.60		\$ 5,510.60
TOTALS	\$ 28,021.69	\$ 30,916.31	\$ 24,416.54	\$ 34,521.46

GRANVILLE FRIENDS YOUTH FUND	
Balance July 1, 1999	\$ 5,500.00
Interest Income	\$ 10.60
Transfer Income	
Balance June 13, 2000	\$ 5,510.90
Earnings from this fund are transferred to the Youth Activity Fund.	

FWCC TRIENNIAL TRAVEL FUND	
Balance July 1, 1999	\$ 4,400.83
Expense	\$ 3,909.88
Income - transfer	\$ 1,200.00
Balance June 30, 2000	\$ 1,690.95

SPIRITUAL FORMATION GROUP	
Balance July 1, 1999	
Income - Retreat	\$ 3,845.00
Income - Books	\$ 417.76
Expense - Books	\$ 346.80
Expense - Retreat	\$ 1,187.09
2000 Retreat	\$ 1,135.00
Balance June 30, 2000	\$ 1,593.87

YOUTH ACTIVITY FUND	
Balance July 1, 1999	\$ 146.88
Income - transfer	\$ 1,200.00
Income - interest	\$ 248.15
Income - grant returned	\$ 135.00
Income - youth retreat	\$ 775.00
Expenses - youth retreat	\$ 852.71
2000 retreat	\$ 295.00
Grants	\$ 750.00
Balance June 30, 2000	\$ 607.32

GENERAL FUND INCOME	
Meeting Donations	
Akron	\$ 188.50
Ann Arbor	\$ 1,972.00
Athens	\$ 750.00
Birmingham	\$ 300.00
Broadmead	\$ 750.00
Cleveland	\$ 1,200.00
Delaware	\$ 255.00
Detroit	\$ 250.00
Grand Rapids	\$ 350.00
Granville	\$ 442.00
Kalamazoo	\$ 760.00
Kent	\$ 421.00
Mid-Ohio Valley	\$ 180.00
Monongalia	\$ 250.00
N. Columbus	
Oberlin	\$ 232.00
Pine River	\$ 232.50
Pittsburgh	\$ 3,000.00
Red Cedar	\$ 660.00
Wooster *	
Misc.	\$ 25.00
Sales and fees *	\$ 1,206.29
Interest *	\$ 725.31
TOTAL	\$ 14,149.60

GENERAL FUND EXPENSES			
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	PERCENT
Travel	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,463.17	99%
Office	\$ 300.00	\$ 233.49	78%
Bulletin	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 4,900.89	136%
FGC	\$ 4,300.00	\$ 4,300.00	100%
Friends School in Detroit	\$ 2,150.00	\$ 2,150.00	100%
Records Project	\$ 200.00	\$ 244.18	122%
Advancement	\$ 125.00	\$ 16.96	14%
Clerk's Fund	\$ 300.00	\$ 167.58	56%
FWCC Travel	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	100%
Youth Activities Fund	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	100%
Olney Friends School	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	100%
Trnsfr to Annual Mtg Fnd		\$ 123.05	
TOTAL	\$ 16,375.00	\$ 17,499.32	107%

West Virginia Fall Gathering
LEYM Friends are invited to the West Virginia Fall Gathering of Quakers at Camp Horsehoe near Parsons, WV, September 22-24. Cost will be about \$42/person (meals, two nights, cabins). For more information contact Steve Miner, 158 Round Hollow Rd., Sod WV 25564, 304-756-3033, rloghouse@aol.com.

* **NOTES:** Wooster donated ahead last fiscal year.
Sales and Fees: Bill for books not yet received.
Interest: Checking, \$115.03, CD's, \$610.28

FGC Religious Education Conference
An exciting conference for Quaker educators and parents, *Awakening Minds and Hearts*, is coming August 17-20, 2000! Friends will explore creative ways to deepen spiritual connections in our faith communities.

Young Quakes Conference
Explore our Quaker Biblical and Universalist Roots for High School Age Friends, 10/6-10/9/00.

Info: www.fgcquaker.org or Michael Gibson, FGC Religious Education Coordinator, 1216 Arch Street, 2B, Philadelphia, PA 19107 (215-561-1700) e-mail michaelg@fgcquaker.org.

Retreat Dates

- ü **9/8/00-9/10/00:** SPIRITUAL FORMATION RETREAT, EMRICH RETREAT & CONFERENCE CENTER, BRIGHTON, MI
- ü **9/29/00-10/1/00:** SPIRITUAL FORMATION RETREAT, FRIENDS CENTER AT OLNEY, BARNESVILLE, OH
- ü **10/6/00-10/8/00:** FALL YOUTH RETREAT: APPRECIATING GOD'S CREATION
- ü **5/11/01-5/13/01:** SPIRITUAL FORMATION CLOSING RETREAT (BOTH LOCATIONS)

LEYM Change of Address

Please return to:
 Susan Jeffers
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 Akron, OH 44309-2624

Thank you!

Note: This one's at the top so it will have your old address on the other side when you cut it out!

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____
 State _____
 Zip _____
 Email _____
 Meeting _____

LEYM Spiritual Formation Registration

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____
 State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____
 Email _____
 Meeting _____

The one-time fee pays for all meals, accommodations, and fees for both beginning & closing retreats. **Mail to the location you will attend.** Make Michigan checks payable to LEYM; Ohio checks payable to Friends Center at Olney.
 Try to meet at the same location as your local group.

Michigan Location
 Emrich Retreat Center,
 Brighton, MI
 \$180 (to LEYM)
 Glenda Haskell
 1619 Pontiac Trail
 Ann Arbor, MI 48105
 (734) 665-1775
hasreich@aol.com

Registration fee: _____
 Scholarship Contribution: _____
 Scholarship Need: _____
 Total enclosed: _____

Ohio Location
 Friends Center at Olney
 Barnesville, OH
 \$210 (to Friends Center)
 Bill Taber
 61357 Sandy Ridge Rd.
 Barnesville, OH 43713
 (740) 425-1248

Food (circle one) *meat* *vegetarian*
 If you have specialized food needs please be prepared to take care of them. A refrigerator will not be available.

LEYM Fall Youth Retreat Registration

10/6-10/8 at Tempeld Hills, in Bellville OH (near Mansfield). All LEYM youth members or attenders welcome, ages 6-13. \$30 Fee. DEADLINE: 9/15/00

Name _____ Nickname _____
 Name _____ Nickname _____
 Ages at Retreat _____
 Medical/Dietary Restrictions: _____

 Parent Signature _____

Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____
 Email _____
 Meeting _____

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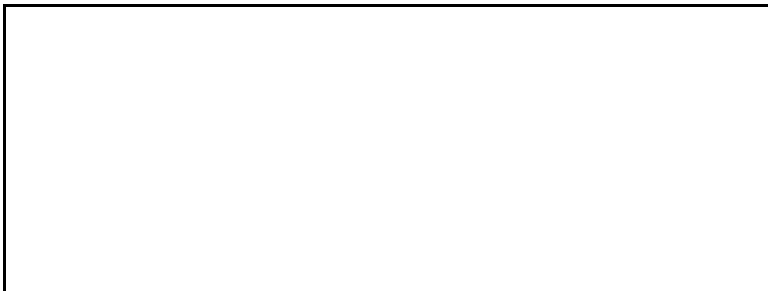
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Quakers speak not loudly, but strongly.
-Lady Borton



Good Stuff at Bluffton

by Eric Starbuck

Yearly Meeting was fun—and tiring—this year, probably because of my new role as editor. But we had more than business. Every morning started with small worship-sharing groups, which broke the ice with some relative strangers. Days were business, with worship and workshops. Evenings we shared music; Thursday night with Amy Heritage, Friday night with Tom Taylor, and Saturday night with our youth, who performed a play.



Jim Satterwhite

Jim Satterwhite's quiet intensity describing his role in Chechnya as Christian Peacemaker Team observer riveted me. AFSC's Greg Coleridge's teaser about radioactive waste dumped in an Akron suburb was strong. Tom Taylor's stories of his travels for Friends World Committee for Consultation impressed me. Connie McPeak's plenary address may change my life.



Youth Theater Presentation

Recorder Practice



Photos courtesy of John Savage