



Varieties of Gifts Clerk's Message, by Shirley Bechill

GREETINGS, FRIENDS! Spring is upon us which I am sure we all celebrate as we welcome with joy the renewing of life!

It seems appropriate to express our sincere appreciation to North Columbus Friends for their warm welcome and hospitality during our Representative Meeting on March 1, 2008. There were 60 Friends in attendance performing a variety of tasks and kinds of service to LEYM that nurture our spiritual family. I offer the following scripture in honor of the many and varied gifts that nurture LEYM life:

There are varieties of Gifts, but the same Spirit. There are varieties of service, but the same Lord. There are many forms of work, but all of them, in all [of us], are the work of the same God. In each of us the Spirit is manifested in one particular way, for some useful purpose. One [person], through the Spirit, has the gift of wise speech, while another, by the power of the same Spirit, can put the deepest knowledge into words. Another, by the same Spirit, is granted faith; another, by the one Spirit, gifts of healing, and another miraculous powers; another has the gift of prophecy, and another the ability to distinguish true spirits from false; yet another has the gift of ecstatic utterance of different kinds, and another the ability to interpret it. But all these gifts are the work of one and the same Spirit, distributing them separately to each individual at will.

I Corinthians 12:4-11

It is most heartening that most of our monthly meetings were represented, by Friends prepared to take information back to their meetings that will assist in their active participation in the work of the Yearly Meeting. There are a number of items about which the Yearly Meeting is seeking responses from all of you; relevant correspondence has been sent to monthly meeting clerks. One is the Electronic Survey of all LEYM households approved by Representative Meeting. The Executive Committee requests your help in determining Friends' wishes and needs regarding the time and setting for our Annual Meetings as well as a few related items. This survey will be available on the website (<http://leym.quaker.org>) by the first week in April. Please watch for it and respond for your household. Another is the invitation from Advancement & Outreach to have Friend Mary Ann Downey travel to meetings in the eastern part of LEYM during April 2008 and those in the western part in October 2008. Your meeting might invite neighboring meetings to join with you for Mary Ann's visit [see p. 18]. Be sure to contact Mathilda Navias, clerk of Advancement & Outreach, regarding your interest.

When you have read the report from the Publications & Archives Committee you will learn that there is much excitement for making greater use of our website and preparing the next

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LEYM Directory. Some Friends are suggesting that we may need a "MEETING WORKER" who can assist not just this committee but also Yearly Meeting officers, who find more and more being required of them. Seasoning will be needed for consideration of this suggestion.

We welcome monthly meetings' participation in the seasoning process of LEYM business. Therefore, I strongly encourage you to join us for our annual sessions at Bluffton University on June 12-15, 2008. Thursday we begin with most committees meeting, our introductory business sessions, and a special nature walk. We welcome attenders and visitors each day. Friday evening we will hear Helen Horn's Plenary talk on the theme "*Centered Enough for Peacemaking?*" Besides our business sessions, there will be times for worship, Bible study, workshops, programs for all age groups, singing, dancing, and nurturing together our faith community. *Please* see the registration form and program in this bulletin. We look forward to welcoming you in June.

In Love & Light,
Shirley Bechill, Clerk

Annual Meeting

June 12-15, 2008 Bluffton University

The next several pages focus on our Annual Meeting, covering the Plenary address (below), attractions and Adult Young Friends, (p. 3), workshops (p. 4), earth-friendly transportation and a walk through the Nature Preserve (p. 5), the schedule (pp. 6-7), and registration (insert).

Centered Enough for Peacemaking?

Plenary Address by Helen Horn

Friday, June 13, 7:15

Here we are in the middle of an election year. Are any of the candidates saying things you want to hear?

Personally, I get pretty angry about politicians in general. And that gets in the way of dealing with the issues. I am simply not at my best – physically, mentally, or spiritually – when I am angry.

Anger is a useful signal. But it – and other things – can get in the way of actually doing appropriate things about whatever brought the anger.

When I can get a good center, that's when I can say and do things that actually make the problem better rather than worse.

Our Plenary speaker is Helen Horn, of Athens Meeting. She has been an activist for decades. In the Plenary address, "*Centered Enough for Peacemaking?*" she will speak to us of the work she has done getting ready to protest.

When does speaking truth to power help and when does it hurt? What blocks communication? What makes trust easier?

What are typical ways of dealing with pain, guilt, fear, and anger? How do they help or hurt the solving of problems?

What are Quaker ways of working for the best world we can envision? What will work and what will make it worse?

What are personal areas which often conflict with highest callings? How can they be worked through or divested?

How can you come through troubles to do spiritually centered actions which will change the world?

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Annual Meeting
June 12-15, 2008 Bluffton University
Peacemaking from the Inside Out

10 ANSWERS TO THE QUESTION
“WHY SHOULD I ATTEND LAKE ERIE YEARLY MEETING’S
ANNUAL GATHERING THIS YEAR?”

1. You can meet interesting and diverse Friends from across the region, and have a chance for deep conversations with them.
2. You can learn about many different Quaker organizations from their information tables.
3. Your children can enjoy a fun and spirit-filled program.
4. You can join in the sense of the meeting as we conduct the business of our Yearly Meeting.
5. You can get up with the sun and attend early morning Bible study led by Marty Grundy. You can stay up with the stars discussing deep matters with old and new friends.
6. You can soak up an informative and inspirational message from the Plenary speaker, Helen Horn, of Athens Meeting.
7. You can join small intergenerational worship sharing groups on the theme of this year’s meeting, “Peace from the Inside Out.”
8. You can browse and purchase from a rich display of books of interest to Quakers.
9. You can spend unscheduled time in your own spiritual practice, walking in a nearby nature preserve, singing, or socializing.
10. You can enjoy the fellowship of an evening of folk dancing with a watermelon social.

In short, this is a rich opportunity for a few days of retreat away from your regular routine and enjoying Quaker fellowship and worship.

Adult Young Friends Return!

We are *very* excited to announce that we will have our second year for an LEYM AYF program! Last year was a fun time, and we hope to continue growing as a community. All young adult Friends and friends up through age 25 are welcome to come join us for fun, laughs, fellowship, and spiritual growth. For questions/concerns/ideas, please contact Bekah Sommer (LaCubeta@hotmail.com) or Erin Diffenderfer (ediffen@luc.edu).

Workshops at Yearly Meeting

Six workshops will be presented on Saturday afternoon (June 14) from 3:30 to 5:15.

This brief overview will help you choose which one you want to attend.

Clearing the Channel

Led by Helen Horn

What are my fears as I work for world, family, and inner peace? What helps set my heart at rest? Journaling and small group- and whole group-sharing about what may clog and what clears our channels as peacemakers. Helen Horn, our Plenary speaker, is a member of Athens Meeting.

Earthcare Workshop:

Life More Abundant the Bioregional Way

Led by Judy Greenberg and Jim Crowfoot

The workshop will provide opportunities for participants to focus on their specific "life place" and discern what this might mean to them. A central activity will be hands-on mapping of the various bioregions from which Yearly Meeting attenders come. Prepared especially for this workshop (but available at modest cost to anyone interested) is an illustrated booklet – a sort of "field guide" to the bioregions of the Lake Erie Yearly Meeting area – filled with useful information, maps, quotations, suggestions, and references. We are *getting started* on a new way for Friends to think about, and act on, Earthcare. Come join us! Judy Greenberg (Broadmead) and Jim Crowfoot (Ann Arbor) represent the Earthcare Committee.

Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Quakerism but Were Afraid to Ask

Led by Advancement & Outreach Committee

A panel of knowledgeable Friends will be ready to respond to any and all questions about Quakers and Quakerism. Bring your curiosity and your questions.

Sing!

Sing in the fireplace room during most of the breaks. Led by Eric Starbuck from *Rise Up Singing* and the FGC hymnal, *Worship in Song*.

Testing Discernment and Decisions

Led by Jerry Knutson

The focus of the workshop will be to aid participants in making Spirit-led decisions and discerning the will of the Spirit. Participants are encouraged to bring specific questions which they are considering. Jerry Knutson has been studying, writing about, and giving workshops on discernment in about a dozen states since 1998. He has been "released" from Pittsburgh Monthly Meeting in order to prepare his writing on discernment for publication.

Meeting for Healing

Led by Richard Lee

A quick overview of this worship tradition among Friends will be provided, along with written material on the history of Meeting for Worship for Healing and a brief "How to do it" handout. The majority of time will be spent in an actual Meeting for Worship for Healing in the manner of Friends. Friends are encouraged to carry on a dialogue with those familiar with this worship throughout the Yearly Meeting sessions. Richard Lee, from Red Cedar Friends Meeting, has been leading workshops on Meetings for Worship for Healing at Yearly Meeting for many years.

Publicizing Prayer, Peace, and Community Projects: A Workshop on How to Succeed with the Media

Led by David Lore

Retired reporter and editor David Lore (Granville) leads a discussion of what works and what doesn't, with media large and small, print and electronic. Participants are asked to bring examples (clips, news releases, tear pages, ad copy, personal anecdotes) to share.

Hike!

Apart from the field trip to the Nature Preserve (see next page), you can pick up maps of campus and town at the registration area to plan a hike on your own!

Earthcare and Transportation to LEYM

Do You Need a Ride? Can You Offer a Ride?

An important function of the LEYM Earthcare Committee is to help us reflect upon our lifestyles, consider how they might be more earth-friendly, and encourage and help one another to reorder our priorities and practices as needed.

Some members and attenders of our local meetings may wish to attend Yearly Meeting (or other Friends' gatherings) but need help with transportation. Others may have room for additional passengers. Given the situation, we recommend carpooling to the greatest extent possible. This will encourage sociability and a spirit of community while traveling together as well as save energy.

We propose the following measures to organize carpooling for 2008 Yearly Meeting:

- ◆ Travel coordination will begin at the level of the local meetings. The Earthcare Committee Contact, or other designated individual, of each meeting will match as many of those needing rides with those that can offer them as possible.
- ◆ The Earthcare Committee Contacts will forward on to Helen Söderberg the names of any individuals needing or who can still offer rides after these coordination efforts are completed. This information should be provided to her by May 22.
- ◆ Those who are unable to arrange for needed transportation/additional passengers through local meetings should contact Helen directly. Any questions regarding this process can also be directed to her. She can be reached at 517 655-8553 or hesoderberg@yahoo.com.

A Fun and Spiritual Activity on Thursday Afternoon!

Field Trip to the Bluffton University Natural Area Preserve

Thursday, June 12, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

This intergenerational field trip, sponsored by the Earthcare Committee for the purpose of enhancing body, mind, and spirit in community with nature during the first afternoon of Yearly Meeting, will depart from the main entrance of Ramseyer shortly after 2:00 p.m. All interested Friends who have the endurance to walk a couple of miles are invited.

EARTHCARE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Earthcare Committee will meet in a far corner of the dining room on Thursday, June 12, at 4:00 (after the field trip to the Natural Area Preserve). The agenda includes planning Earthcare displays, the workshop (see previous page), and other Yearly Meeting activities. Anyone interested is welcome to join us.

Preliminary Schedule: Lake Erie Yearly Meeting June 12-15, 2008

Peacemaking from the Inside Out

* Childcare available during this meeting

From	To	Thursday 6/12
12:30 pm	1:00 pm	Lunch
2:00 pm	3:30pm	Field Trip to Bluffton University Natural Area Preserve
2:00 pm	5:30 pm	Committee Meetings; check board in registration area for locations. Those not on committees may sit in on any.
5:30 pm	6:30 pm	Dinner line open for LEYM
6:30 pm	7:30 pm	Committee Meetings as needed. Newcomer enrichment Meeting. Singing.
7:30 pm	9:00 pm	Meeting For Worship With Attention to Business – Opening Session *
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From	To	Friday 6/13
6:30 am	7:30 am	Bible Study on Yearly Meeting Theme with Marty Grundy. Other groups who wish to meet, please post a description and location in registration area.
7:45 am	8:15 am	Breakfast line open for LEYM
8:45 am	9:30 am	Worship Sharing for those who have registered for it*
9:40 am	10:15 am	Newcomer Enrichment Meeting *
9:40 am	10:45 am	Committee Meetings – check location in registration area *
11:00 am	12:00 noon	Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business *
12 noon	12:30 pm	Lunch line open for LEYM
1:00 pm	3:00 pm	Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business *
3:15 pm	4:00 pm	Meeting for Worship *
4:15 pm	5:30 pm	Spiritual Practice – Time for study, conversation, or your own Yearly Meeting project. * (Children’s Program ends 5:15) Optional Spiritual Practice – Nature Walk groups who wish to meet please post a description in the registration area.
5:30 pm	6:00 pm	Dinner line open for LEYM
6:30 pm	7:00 pm	Spiritual Practice – Time for study, conversation, singing, or other projects
7:15 pm	8:45 pm	Plenary Speaker – Helen Horn, <i>Centered Enough for Peacemaking?</i> *
9:00 pm	9:45 pm	Spiritual Practice – Time for study, activity planned by Adult Young Friends, earth care, or your own Yearly Meeting project
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From	To	Saturday 6/14
6:30 am	7:30 am	Bible Study on Yearly Meeting theme with Marty Grundy. Other groups who wish to meet please post in the registration area a description and location.
7:45 am	8:15 am	Breakfast line open for LEYM.
8:45 am	9:30 am	Worship Sharing *
9:45 am	11:45 am	Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business *
12 noon	12:30 pm	Lunch line open for LEYM

* Childcare available during this meeting

Preliminary Schedule: Lake Erie Yearly Meeting

From	To	Saturday 6/14, <i>continued</i>
12:30 pm	12:50 pm	Singing
1:00 pm	3:00 pm	Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business *
3:30 pm	5:15 pm	Workshops – check board in registration area for locations. <i>Clearing the Channel</i> – further exploration of the Plenary topic (Helen Horn) <i>Testing Discernment and Decisions</i> (Jerry Knutson) <i>Life More Abundant the Bioregional Way</i> (Judy Greenberg & Jim Crowfoot) <i>Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Quakerism but Were Afraid to Ask</i> (Advancement & Outreach Committee) <i>Meeting for Healing</i> (Richard Lee) <i>Publicizing Prayer, Peace, and Community Projects</i> (David Lore)
5:30 pm	6:00 pm	Dinner line open for LEYM
6:00 pm	7:00 pm	Spiritual Practice – Time for study, conversation, singing, or your own Yearly Meeting project
7:00 pm	9:00 pm	Contra and Folk Dancing, with Watermelon Social at 8 pm
From To Sunday 6/15		
6:30 am	7:30 am	Bible Study on the Yearly Meeting Theme with Marty Grundy. Others wishing to meet please post in the registration area a description and location.
7:45 am	8:15 am	Breakfast line open for LEYM
8:45 am	9:30 am	Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business *
9:30 am	10:30 am	Epistles and sharing by the Children’s Program *
10:30 am	11:30 am	Meeting for Worship *
12 noon	12:30 pm	Lunch line open for LEYM

* Childcare available during this meeting

Of Special Note:

- ◆ Anyone wishing to Worship Share on Friday and Saturday mornings should mark the “Wrship Grp” column on the registration form; child care will be available for younger children.
- ◆ Teens are cordially invited to attend Worship Sharing with the adults.
- ◆ Newcomers, please attend one of the Enrichment Meetings designed to welcome you and answer any questions you may have: Thursday 6:30 pm or Friday 9:40 am.
- ◆ There will be 12-step program meetings during the weekend. Check in the registration area for times and locations.
- ◆ The Earthcare room will be open throughout the weekend for study and involvement.
- ◆ Self-directed hikes around campus and town will be available throughout the weekend.
- ◆ Mini-gatherings at eating times are available. There will be sessions for several Quaker organizations scheduled; schedule your own in the registration area.
- ◆ There will be singing in the fireplace room during spiritual practice times and after lunches and dinners.

Lake Erie Yearly Meeting

Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

March 15, 2008

Monthly Meetings

Akron
Ann Arbor
Athens
Birmingham
Broadmead
Cleveland
Delaware
Detroit
Grand Rapids
Granville
Kalamazoo
Kent
Mid-Ohio Valley
Monongalia
North Columbus
Oberlin
Pine River
Pittsburgh
Red Cedar
Wooster

Worship Groups

Albion
Buckhannon
Chelsea
Circleville
Erie
Fremont
Gallipolis Area
Holland Preparative
Indiana Preparative
Manitou
Tustin

Dear Friends of Lake Erie Yearly Meeting:

At Representative Meeting on March 1, the Yearly Meeting decided to try to find out if the time and/or location of the Yearly Meeting should be changed. There are some perceived conflicts with school schedules, as well as other factors, which may be affecting Yearly Meeting attendance. We are hoping that a survey of LEYM households on these issues will help us discern way forward.

To make the survey quick and easy, we are offering it online. Most of the questions are quickly answered by clicking a box, and some are open-ended questions in which you can type in your ideas. It will take you anywhere from under five minutes to about 15 minutes to complete it, depending on the length of your typed answers and your comfort with computers.

Only one representative of each household needs to answer the survey. **Please answer the survey, even if no one from your household has ever attended Yearly Meeting.** The person responding should be a member or attender of a Monthly Meeting or Worship Group within LEYM. In households where more than one person is a member or attender, then the person who is most involved in the Yearly and/or Monthly Meeting should be the one to respond. If two or more people are equally involved, they can choose who will respond.

Please note that this is an anonymous survey. You will not be asked for any identifying information other than Monthly Meeting affiliation.

Starting in the first week of April 2008, the web link to the survey can be found on the home page of LEYM at <http://leym.quaker.org>.

We greatly appreciate your assistance in helping us understand your opinions about the Yearly Meeting. Thank you, Friends!

In the Light,



Merry Stanford
Assistant Clerk

Minutes of LEYM Representative Meeting

March 1, 2008 Hosted by North Columbus Friends Meeting
at Summit United Methodist Church, Columbus, Ohio

Morning Session

RM08 - 1 Friends gathered at the appointed hour. Out of the opening worship, our Assistant Clerk, Merry Stanford, read from the 2007 epistle of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. This Yearly Meeting is undergoing a renewal of shared energy from younger Friends and is challenging itself to build bridges and connections throughout all the spectrums of the Religious Society of Friends.

RM08 - 2 Our Clerk, Shirley Bechill, welcomed us and thanked North Columbus Friends for hosting us. Bob Roehm, of North Columbus Friends Meeting, further welcomed us and shared the significance of the location of today's meeting. In 1938 North Columbus started meeting at this location when it was the Wesley Foundation. In 1951, North Columbus Friends Meeting moved to its present location when the building was torn down and replaced by the present building for Summit United Methodist Church. We expressed our appreciation to Bob Roehm and Shelby Conrad of North Columbus for coordinating all the preparations and arrangements and for the efforts of numerous other North Columbus Friends in hosting us.

RM08 - 3 The calling of the roll of Friends from constituent meetings and groups gave the following count:

Akron	0	Kalamazoo	2
Ann Arbor	5	Kent	2
Athens	2	Mid-Ohio Valley	0
Birmingham	4	Monongalia	0
Broadmead	8	North Columbus	11
Cleveland	4	Oberlin	3
Delaware	0	Pine River	4
Detroit	0	Pittsburgh	3
Grand Rapids	5	Red Cedar	1
Granville	3	Wooster	3

No preparative meetings or worship groups were represented. Total attendance: 60

RM08 - 4 Our Assistant Clerk requested that committee clerks share with their committees the survey material that was passed out at last night's Executive Committee meeting.

RM08 - 5 Our Clerk identified the location of restrooms and places for committee meetings. Mathilda Navias left a contact information sheet for all meetings and worship groups for Friends present to review and confirm as accurate or correct as necessary. We broke for committee meetings at 9:50 am.

Afternoon Session

RM08 - 6 We resumed with worship focused on the need for healing of Friends dear to us and concluded by affirming our trust in God's healing power.

RM08 - 7 Our Assistant Clerk shared the 2007 epistle from Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends Church. Northwest Friends were moved by a story about transforming forgiveness out of the genocide in Burundi and are feeling positive growth from changes in committee and administrative structures.

RM08 - 8 *Earthcare Committee:* Phil Clampitt shared a proposal on organizing ride sharing to Yearly Meeting sessions. Coordination would begin with local meetings. As necessary, coordinating efforts will extend up to the Earthcare Committee, which will forward to Helen Söderberg the names of individuals still needing or offering rides. Friends unable to arrange needed transportation can contact her at 517-655-8553. **We approved the proposal.** Phil also presented information about a workshop on sustainable living in our home watersheds to be offered at our annual session.

RM08 - 9 *High School Youth Program Committee:* Michael Fuson reported that although she resigned a year ago, Kri Burkander oversaw a winter retreat last January. The process of finding her replacement is just beginning. Suggested names for a High School Youth Program Coordinator are welcomed from all Friends in the Yearly Meeting. The Committee, which is now completely formed, is in the process of updating a list of all Friends of high school age.

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RM08 - 10 *Survey*: Merry Stanford reported for the Ad-Hoc Survey Committee (consisting of herself, Mathilda Navias, Michael Fuson, and Jon Sommer). As a result of a concern raised at Yearly Meeting last summer, they were charged by the Executive Committee with developing a survey questionnaire for the purpose of determining how more Friends can be encouraged to attend our summer annual sessions. Advantages of an electronic versus a paper survey were discussed. Fourteen basic questions have been proposed, with supplemental questions bringing the total to about 25 questions. Yearly Meeting committees have reviewed the survey and suggested changes. Friends **approved conducting the survey in electronic form when the committee has finalized the questions**. Clerks, representatives, newsletter editors, and other contacts of Meetings will receive an explanatory letter and the URL link to the survey and will be requested to shepherd the responsive process through their respective meetings.

RM08 - 11 *Publication & Archives Committee*: Jeff Cooper reported the Committee is looking at more website features. Google features may allow committee clerks to update calendars, edit parts of the site, and organize free conference calls. Bill Warters, our webmaster, appreciates feedback about Friends' use of the Yearly Meeting website and encourages committees who have not done so to create web pages by contacting him.

Jeff will edit and Marvin Barnes will mail the *Annual Records* for 2008. Cooperation of Friends will be needed in compiling the *AR*. The directory of Friends in the *Annual Records* will continue to include officers, committee members, and representatives of Yearly Meeting and officers, committee clerks, and contact persons of monthly meetings and worship groups as well as annual session attenders. The Committee proposes that a new complete printed directory be prepared this year. Friends **approved that a new directory go forward**, with final details (including the listing of children) to be considered at our annual session.

The Committee suggests we reconsider whether Yearly Meeting needs a Secretary or Meeting Worker with the responsibility of maintaining our database and coordinating communications. Volunteers to undertake these tasks are becoming more difficult to find.

RM08 - 12 *Our Treasurer* reported that the Yearly Meeting's financial position is in good shape. Most meetings have paid their contributions and fund balances have generally increased. A detailed report is attached (pp. 13-15). Connie Bimber paid \$325 to Temple Hills for a fall youth retreat deposit but received no checks for those attending the retreat nor requests for expense reimbursement. Sally Weaver Sommer will investigate this further.

RM08 - 13 *Finance*: Sally Weaver Sommer reported the Committee has removed the \$6 registration fee for high school attenders at the annual session; at this time all other fees for this year's annual session will remain unchanged. Families needing financial help should contact their monthly meeting and the Registrar. Such help should be willingly forthcoming. The Committee has decided that the Bookstore Manager's costs (including registration) will be covered by Yearly Meeting. Plenary speakers, outside workshop leaders, leaders of special meeting programs, an FGC representative, Registrar, and youth program volunteers continue to receive some cost concession in attending annual gatherings. The Clerk in consultation with the Treasurer may grant additional cost waivers. The Committee continues to work on the mileage reimbursement policy. The Committee is considering transferring \$2000 from the High School Fund to the Granville Youth Fund. The 2008 budget is under consideration with no significant changes contemplated at this time.

RM08 - 14 *Advancement & Outreach*: Mathilda Navias reported that the Committee has been helping meetings and worship groups to establish websites. Twelve meetings and worship groups out of a total of 32 still do not have websites. The Committee has checked our Yearly Meeting website and the Quaker Finder listings and verified or taken steps to assure that all monthly meetings and worship groups within the Yearly Meeting are up to date.

Mary Ann Downey and a companion are scheduled to visit meetings and worship groups in the eastern part of the Yearly Meeting geographic area this April and in the western part next fall. Meeting clerks and conveners have been notified. A few meetings have arranged for the visit and others are encouraged to do so.

Holland Preparative Meeting is moving toward monthly meeting status. Grand Rapids Meeting, its

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affiliated monthly meeting, is supportive and Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting will review this at its next session in May and report to Yearly Meeting. Buckhannon Worship Group, of Buckhannon, West Virginia (contact Grace Harris), is seeking preparative meeting status under Monongalia Monthly Meeting. The group meets on the 2nd and 4th First Days at 10:00 am, at West Virginia Wesleyan College. Mid-Ohio Valley, Monongalia, and Charlottesville Meetings hold an annual fall gathering. Monongalia will make the arrangements for 2008 and Advancement & Outreach hopes one of its members will attend.

A copy of North Pacific Yearly Meeting's *Survival Sourcebook: The Care and Maintenance of Small Meetings and Worship Groups* has been posted to the Advancement & Outreach page of the Yearly Meeting website. This is a helpful resource; North Pacific is planning to revise it, possibly with the collaboration of Lake Erie Yearly Meeting.

FGC's *Inreach/Outreach Workshops* have been given in three of our meetings. The workshop offers practical ways to encourage seekers to attend and to foster a healthy meeting community. Meetings are encouraged to hold the workshop for a retreat; arrangements for holding a workshop should be made through Deborah Fisch, coordinator of Friends General Conference Traveling Ministries Program.

An outreach workshop, a conference for friends of color, a Young Adult Friends Conference, and a conference on religious education are all coming to the Midwest in 2008. Notices concerning these conferences were made available at Representative Meeting. *Quaker Quest*, a British outreach program, is generating excitement in the United States. Friends General Conference is helping meetings learn about this program and train leaders for it. A monthly meeting in our Yearly Meeting has undertaken a program similar to *Quaker Quest*.

RM08 - 15 *Arrangement & Site:* Annual Meeting dates are 6/12-15/2008. Vanessa Fuson will be the Registrar. The sessions should be free of campus construction.

RM08 - 16 *Ministry & Nurture* reports that it found the query responses (from 16 meetings) quite moving. They will be placed on the website with the appropriate monthly meeting's permission, along with a suggested process for responding to queries.

In response to concerns shared, notice of possible web placement of query responses will be given to monthly meetings along with the new query. The Committee proposes consulting with monthly meetings before undertaking the development of a set of queries for the Yearly Meeting itself.

Another Ministry & Nurture Spiritual Consultation is being considered year after next and the Committee recommends the consideration of an additional consultation (perhaps for meeting clerks) before then. Akron and Kent Meetings are planning a joint worship meeting later this month. Five nearby meetings in Ohio are considering some kind of area gathering for worship and socializing. The Spiritual Formation groups will continue and leaders will be announced soon.

Jerry Knutson of Pittsburgh Meeting will begin his Earlham School of Religion Cooper Scholarship this fall with the first two years of the three-year program funded by ESR. Lake Erie Yearly Meeting was delighted to recommend him for the scholarship.

The Committee felt positive about the guidelines for composing State of the Meeting reports and will publish the guidelines, adding a sentence regarding the Committee's discerning of the meetings' spiritual condition and need for nurturing. The reports can serve as a springboard for a Yearly Meeting query.

RM08 - 17 *Nominating:* We **approved the Committee's proposal** that Abbey Pratt-Harrington serve a three-year term and Jody Pratt-Harrington serve a two-year term on the High School Youth Program Committee. The Executive Committee has appointed Carol Meyer-Niedzwiecki and Laura Ford (both of Kalamazoo) to the Advancement & Outreach Committee. Friends **affirmed these appointments**. Some key positions remain to be addressed: Dolores and David Avner have served faithfully as clerks of the Youth & Children's Program Committee and someone needs to learn this assignment from them. We also honor the work of Connie Bimber, our longstanding Treasurer, but realize we must find a person willing to learn from her and take over the position of Treasurer. All Friends are asked to ask if they themselves are, or know someone who may be, called to serve in these areas.

Nominating Committee plans to develop job descriptions for perusal by Yearly meeting attenders in an effort to improve the nominating process. The Committee is frustrated in its work; it feels it is behind

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in its charge and is discussing how to improve its work and increase the pool of Friends to draw upon. More seasoning is needed and all Friends need to be mindful of the Committee's struggle to find nominees. Finally, the Committee thanks Committee member Fred Feitler for his service although he was unable to attend today because of his chemotherapy treatments.

RM08 - 18 *The Children's Program* is assuming a similar number of youth attending our annual gathering for 2008 as for 2007. Some group leaders are still needed. A fall retreat occurred with eight children attending. An email will go to parents announcing and describing the youth program for the upcoming annual session.

RM08 - 19 *The Program Committee* reported that Annual Meeting will occur 6/12-15/2008 with the theme of "Peacemaking from the Inside Out." Helen Horn will be the Plenary speaker. Thursday will have committee meetings, a nature walk by the Earthcare Committee, and an introductory business meeting. Friday will feature Bible Study led by Marty Grundy, worship sharing (optional), business meeting, singing, campus hikes, and evening activities perhaps led by Young Friends and Earthcare. Saturday will provide workshops on: Discernment (Jerry Knutson), Earthcare, "Everything You Wanted to Know about Quakerism but Were Afraid to Ask," further exploration of the Plenary topic (Helen Horn), Ministry on Healing (Richard Lee), and Working with Media for Peace and Justice (David Lore), all followed by an evening dance and watermelon social.

New aspects may include: microphones at meals for announcements, an Earthcare room, self-directed hikes, table tents for group representatives at meal times, and a lunch session for webmasters. An idea of carbon offsets (example: planting a tree to offset our carbon use during Annual Meeting) was referred to the Earthcare Committee.

RM08 - 20 *The Peace Committee* is considering an open letter to presidential candidates on Palestine, focusing on the root issues such as unemployment and settlement removal. Jim Satterwhite, with his past Middle East experience, will propose a draft of such a letter for consideration at our Annual Meeting.

North Columbus is working with Brethren and Menonite groups on packets for high school guidance counselors which include alternatives to military enlistment and material dispelling misinformation from recruiters. Monthly meetings undertaking similar projects are requested to inform the Peace Committee of their efforts. The Committee will gather further information on this initiative to determine whether other monthly meetings should consider this program. The Committee encourages monthly meetings to respond to FCNL's current priorities survey and to share their responses with Peace Committee clerk, David Lore, at dlore@johnstown.net.

After a few announcements, we concluded at 4:40 pm with worship giving thanks for our fellowship together and looking forward to our annual session some three months hence.

Shirley Bechill, Clerk
Joseph Mills, Recording Clerk

LEYM Database

Mathilda Navias, clerk of Advancement & Outreach, maintains the LEYM Database. LEYM committees and officers who want to communicate with meetings can get a mailing list or e-mail addresses from her. Please send changes of contact information (especially for meetings and worship groups, LEYM officers, and committee members) to Mathilda at galaxy@woh.rr.com.

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Lake Erie Yearly Meeting Treasurer's Report February 24, 2008

Fund	Opening Balance	Income	Expenses	Current Balance
General Fund	\$6,012.44	\$20,985.96	\$25,363.53	\$1,634.87
Annual Meeting	18,440.09	40.75	14,074.48	4,406.36
Triennial Travel	1,676.84	1,240.00	1,210.39	1,706.45
Granville Friends Youth Fund	5,510.60	672.06	172.06	6,010.60
Youth Activity Fund	3,644.81	2,872.06	325.00	6,191.87
Spiritual Formation	3,793.02	3,105.00	2,089.02	4,809.00
High School Program	1,496.61	5,400.00	0.00	6,896.61
Consultation	00.00	3,100.00	3,081.45	18.55
Totals	\$40,574.41	\$37,415.83	\$46,315.93	\$31,674.31

Account	Opening Balance	Income	Debits	Current Balance
Shorebank CD - March	\$2,203.41	66.39		\$2,269.80
Shorebank CD - September	\$2,272.62	70.57		\$2,343.19
Southshore Bank CD	\$5,510.60	672.06	172.06	\$6,010.60
Lorain National Bank - checking	<u>\$30,587.78</u>	<u>26,066.81</u>	<u>35,603.87</u>	<u>\$21,050.72</u>
Totals	\$40,574.41	\$26,875.83	\$35,775.93	\$31,674.31

General Fund - Income

Meeting	Contribution
Akron	\$0.00
Ann Arbor	\$5,106.00
Athens	\$2,200.00
Birmingham	\$682.00
Broadmead	\$825.00
Cleveland	\$2,380.00
Delaware	\$0.00
Detroit	\$0.00
Grand Rapids	\$400.00
Granville	\$832.00
Kalamazoo	\$1,591.00
Kent	\$630.00
Mid-Ohio Valley	\$180.00
Monongalia	\$490.00
North Columbus	\$800.00
Oberlin	\$0.00
Pine River	\$592.00
Pittsburgh	\$1,591.00
Red Cedar	\$1,850.00
Wooster	\$525.00
Misc.	\$0.00
Sales & Fees	\$175.00
Interest	<u>\$136.96</u>
Totals	\$20,985.96

General Fund - Expenses

(* = transfers)	Budget	Actual	Percent
Travel	\$5,500.00	\$3,585.71	65.19%
Office	\$300.00	\$70.12	23.37%
Publications	\$3,400.00	\$2,204.70	64.84%
Advancement	\$880.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Ministry & Nurture*	\$800.00	\$600.00	75.00%
Clerk's Fund	\$500.00	\$363.00	72.60%
FGC	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	100.00%
FGC - Special Program	\$500.00	\$500.00	100.00%
Records Project	\$100.00	\$0.00	0.00%
FWCC Travel *	\$1,240.00	\$1,240.00	100.00%
Youth Activity Fund *	\$2,700.00	\$2,700.00	100.00%
High School Youth Fund *	\$5,400.00	\$5,400.00	100.00%
Spiritual Formation *	\$600.00	\$600.00	100.00%
Friends School in Detroit	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	100.00%
Olney Friends School	\$600.00	\$600.00	100.00%
Granville Youth Fund*	<u> </u>	<u>\$500.00</u>	<u> </u>
Totals	\$29,520.00	\$25,363.53	85.92%

(Note: \$11,040.00 are transfers to other funds)

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Treasurer's Report *continued*

Annual Meeting

Balance	July 1, 2007	\$18,440.09
Expenses		\$14,074.48
Income		\$40.75
Balance	Feb. 24, 2008	\$4,406.36

FWCC Triennial Travel Fund

Balance	July 1, 2007	\$1,676.84
Expenses		\$1,210.39
Income - transfer		\$1,240.00
Balance	Feb. 24, 2008	\$1,706.45

Granville Friends Youth Fund

Balance	July 1, 2007	\$5,510.60
Interest income		\$172.06
Transfer to Youth Activity Fund		\$172.06
Transfer from General Fund		\$500.00
Balance	Feb. 24, 2008	\$6,010.60

Youth Activity Fund

Balance	July 1, 2007	\$3,644.81
Transfer from General Fund		\$2,700.00
Interest from Granville Fund		\$172.06
Youth Retreat		<u>\$0.00</u>
Total Income		\$6,516.87
Expenses - Grants		\$0.00
Expense - Youth Retreat		<u>\$325.00</u>
Total Expenses		\$325.00
Balance	Feb. 24, 2008	\$6,191.87

High School Youth Program

<u>Income</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Balance	\$1,496.61	\$1,496.61
Transfer - General Fund	\$5,400.00	\$5,400.00
Clerk's Fund		
Retreats		\$ --
Grants - Youth Activities F.		\$ --
Total Income	\$6,896.61	\$6,896.61
<u>Expenses</u>		
Program Expenses	\$500.00	\$ --
Stipend	\$4,400.00	\$ --
Retreats		\$ --
Total Expenses	\$4,900.00	\$0.00
Balance	Feb. 24, 2008	\$6,896.61

Spiritual Formation Group

Balance	July 1, 2007	\$3,793.02
Transfer from General Fund		600.00
Income from retreats		<u>\$2,505.00</u>
Total Income		\$6,898.02
Expenses		<u>\$2,089.02</u>
Balance	Feb. 24, 2008	\$4,809.00

Consultation

Income		--
Transfer from Gen. Fund		\$600.00
Participants		\$2,500.00
Total Income		\$3,100.00
Expenses		\$3,081.45
Balance	Feb. 24, 2008	\$18.55

THE LONGEST WALK 2

The Indian Committees of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and Baltimore Yearly Meeting invite Friends everywhere to support **THE LONGEST WALK 2**. This walk began on February 11, 2008 on Alcatraz Island and is proceeding across the United States on a five-month journey of over 4500 miles, concluding in July in Washington, DC. The northern route goes through the LEYM region in June, crossing Ohio in early June, resting in Pittsburgh June 18-22, and passing south of the FGC Gathering in early July.

THE LONGEST WALK 2 is an extraordinary grassroots effort open to all caring persons. It includes a clean-up campaign for our country's highways, as walkers collect debris found along the two Longest Walk routes. The walk is for the Seventh Generation, for youth, for peace, for justice. "We walk with the message: **All Life is Sacred, Save Mother Earth.**"

How can you help?

- Visit the website www.longestwalk.org to learn more about the walk.
- Join the Walk, donate supplies, make a financial contribution, start a clean-up campaign in your neighborhood.

Your participation will sustain, enrich, and continue our historic Quaker journey with Native Peoples, witnessing for positive change in the world.

Finance Report for 2007 Annual Meeting



Friends World Committee
for Consultation
SECTION OF THE AMERICAS

Comité Mundial de Consulta
de los Amigos
SECCIÓN DE LAS AMÉRICAS

BALANCE, March 1, 2007		\$2,797.42
INCOME		
Checks	\$16,554.50	
Cash	\$209.25	
Seed Money	\$18.00	
Refund (no show)		\$176.50
TOTAL INCOME		\$16,605.25
TOTAL		\$19,402.67

EXPENSES		
Housing*	\$6,172.50	
Campers	\$90.00	
Commuter fees	\$276.00	
Meals*	\$6,876.65	
Linens*	\$360.00	
Lost keys	\$20.00	
Copies	\$72.90	
Watermelon	\$61.50	
Broken window—Ramseyer	\$92.20	
TOTAL BLUFFTON CHARGES	\$14,021.75	

* includes housing, meals, and linens for speaker, registrar, youth leaders, and workshop leaders

Honoraria	\$200.00	
Youth program—snacks, crafts	\$178.16	
Swimming	\$182.00	
Child Care	\$219.21	
Adult Young Friends	\$90.96	
Printing signs	\$24.25	
Rental—Child carrier	\$50.00	
TOTAL OTHER CHARGES	\$944.58	
TOTAL CHARGES		\$14,966.33
BALANCE		\$4,436.34

PROGRAM COSTS—for purposes of figuring registration fees for next year

Copies	\$72.90	
Watermelon	\$61.50	
Signs	\$24.25	
Speakers' travel		
Honoraria	\$200.00	
Housing & Meals	\$2,357.75 (includes speakers, youth leaders, registrar, and workshop leaders)	
Youth program—snacks, crafts	\$178.16	
Swimming	\$182.00	
Child Care	\$219.21	
Young Adult Friends	\$90.95	
Child carrier—rent	\$50.00	
TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSES	\$3,436.72	

New Director of Quaker United Nations Office in New York Appointed

Andrew Tomlinson began on February 1st as the new Director of the Quaker United Nations (QUNO) Office in New York. Andrew has a BA in Archaeology & Anthropology from the University of Cambridge and a Master's in Oriental Studies from the University of Pennsylvania. Andrew joined QUNO after a career in international finance in London and New York with S.G. Warburg and Citigroup, having spent the last several years managing a socially responsible investment business. A Quaker since he came to Philadelphia from the UK on an exchange scholarship, he is now Clerk of Chatham-Summit Monthly Meeting in New Jersey. He and his wife, Ursula, were married at Central Philadelphia Friends Meeting. His work has included projects in Mexico, in the Far East, and in Latin America.



Andrew's arrival is met with much enthusiasm after a challenging year in which the newly appointed Director, Rob Callard, and program staff member Jessica Huber resigned. The remaining staff worked hard to continue their level of program work, while David Atwood, Director of QUNO Geneva, stepped in as a temporary joint director of both QUNOs. QUNO Geneva and New York have been working toward a vision of "One Office, Two Locations," but the joint directorship gave them an unexpected chance to strengthen links between the offices.

Report from LEYM Representatives

FWCC Triennial — 2007

Dublin, Ireland

Finding the Prophetic Voice of Our Time

The power, the motion and emotion, the love and acceptance of a Triennial Gathering are real. There is a pure joy in being with 308 Friends – from 41 countries world-wide in geographic terms and broad and encompassing in terms of understanding God’s love. It would be very easy to become complacent in this fellowship if we were not also called to live up to and be true to our faith as Friends.

First and foremost we all felt the very warm welcome of Irish Friends, worshipped with them in session and in their own meeting houses, and learned of their history.

In our business sessions we were able to unite on statements to the world on the possibility of God’s love empowering us to learn to live as brothers and sisters. We were reminded to consider the roots of the world’s violence and whether it may have its beginnings in our own homes and meetings. We were able to unite on statements on AIDS/HIV and on the environment. Other working groups enabled useful networking on outreach and growth as well as the involvement of Young Friends in our meetings. The Triennial was blessed by the energy of a larger number of YFs than before, several of whom played an important part in the planning and running of this meeting. The Triennial agreed to send Minutes on each of these concerns back to Yearly Meetings for their consideration and appropriate action. (See next page.)

We heard of FWCC’s work at the UN in New York and Geneva and from the World Gathering of Young Friends held in Lancaster, England and in Mombassa, Kenya.

We decided on and began to plan for a World Conference of 100 Friends in Kenya in 2012, which will occur in the place of a Triennial Gathering.

We heard from a wonderful array of speakers who each challenged us to be prophets in the tradition of the call “... it is love, then, that you should strive for. Set your hearts on spiritual gifts, especially the gift of proclaiming God’s message.” I Corinthians 14:1

A few quotations:

Doreen Dowd of Ireland YM reminded us: “The common factor in the message of the prophets is the restoration of the relationship between God and those who would worship Him in spirit and in truth.”

Bill Medlin: “No one applies for the job of prophet.”

Ken Comfort: “Christ is our true Shepherd. He is our true high priest and His gifts are not to be lorded over anyone else. Paul wrote in I Corinthians 14:9 ‘...when one speaks others need to weigh what is being said because prophets are subject to the gathered body and are not exalted over it.’ Hold these words in the Light and weigh them according to what the Spirit is saying to us as a gathered body.” ... “We are a connectional people on a mission together.”

Maria Yi Reyna spoke of the millions who have left their homes in the countryside to seek a better life in the cities and of the loneliness and solitary life they find there: “In the same way our (world) is full of violence starting in the bosom of the family and we must be of comfort to the ones who suffer. We need to speak to the tragedies that affect the health of the community — AIDS, ... addiction(s), things that isolate and discriminate and separate us.”

Each of the speakers challenged us in their own particular way. We were reminded of the words of George Fox:

...let all nations hear the Word, whether by sound or writing. Spare no place, spare not tongue or pen, but be obedient to the Lord God, be valiant for the truth upon the earth; be patterns, be examples in all countries, places, islands, nations, wherever you go; that your carriage and your life may preach among all sorts of people and to them, then you will come to walk cheerfully over the world, answering that of God in everyone.

*Submitted by Mike Hinshaw and Thomas Taylor
[A separate report on the Triennial by Raelyn Joyce appeared in the Winter 2008 Bulletin.]*

Minutes Adopted by the FWCC Triennial for Referral to Yearly Meetings for Consideration and Appropriate Action

22/33 Sovereignty for Indigenous Peoples

Noting that, since the last Triennial, there have been significant adverse developments in relation to the rights of indigenous people, including

* attempts by a number of governments around the world to weaken the force of the UN Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as adopted by the UN Human Rights Council on 29 June 2006; and

* continuing efforts to weaken the existing legislatively embodied rights in a number of countries, including but not limited to Australia, Canada and the United States of America,

The 22nd Triennial of the Friends World Committee for Consultation:

a) urges Friends, speaking out of love, to lobby their governments to ensure that the General Assembly supports the version of the UN Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous People adopted by the UN Human Rights Council and not some weakened or undermined version of this Declaration; and

b) encourages Friends to work for recognition of the sovereign rights of indigenous peoples in a treaty or related process that protects these rights from erosion or extinction by the acts of national governments.

22/37 Outreach and Growth

Our working group has been enriched by the opportunity to listen in love to the expressions of belief from different Quaker traditions. We commend to Friends everywhere the thought that our own understanding can be strengthened by reconnection with our roots in early Quakerism and by encountering our present day diversity. We call Friends to rise to the challenge of these queries:

Is your living faith constantly renewed?

Can you find new words to convey our message to today's world?

What drives you to do outreach?

What outreach will you do?

22/38 Violence

Friends worldwide are profoundly troubled by the widespread acceptance of a pervasive culture of violence as the norm everywhere.

We urge Friends, both individually and corporately, to refocus, in worship and action, on addressing personal, collective and structural violence. Our peace testimony challenges us to speak truth to power, to seek justice, and to take away the occasion for all forms of violence.

We must re-affirm and promote the preservation of and respect for the dignity of all life.

“Let us try what Love will do.” William Penn.

22/39 Environment and Sustainability

We believe it is vital to address the threat to life on Earth posed by environmental destruction.

We believe that we have a duty of responsible stewardship to all of God's creation, although we recognize we do not always achieve it fully. When we damage the natural world and its creatures, we damage God's creation. Reverence for human life cannot be separated from maintaining the integrity and health of the ecology of our planet.

Competition for land, water and other precious resources is leading to wars and ecological disasters. Overuse and misuse of resources is not sustainable.

We call upon all the people and governments of the world to recognize the equal worth of all people, the integral worth of the natural world and to work together for the common good of all the earth community.

With God's help, we resolve to examine our lives in light of the needs of the whole Earth and cooperate in taking steps towards sustainable living for all.

DEATH

Dean Freiday died on March 4 in a medical center near his home in Manasquan, New Jersey. He co-edited and edited *Quaker Religious Thought* from 1978 to 1989, and was the founder and organizer of the Catholic and Quaker Studies series. His books include *Barclay's Apology in Modern English*, *Nothing Without Christ*, and *Speaking as a Friend*. The Manasquan Friends Meeting will host a memorial service on April 12 at 11:00 am.

News from Monthly Meetings

Area Meeting at Oberlin Kendal on April 26

Plans for this Saturday gathering include:

- ◆ Meeting for Worship from 11:00 to noon in Kendal's auditorium.
- ◆ Lunch together in Kendal's Private Dining Room. Purchase lunch from Kendal's cafeteria and carry trays to the Private Dining Room, or brown bag it. Oberlin Meeting will provide beverages: coffee, tea, milk, and cranberry juice.
- ◆ An Exchange with Mary Ann Downey, from FGC's Traveling Ministries program, after lunch. We hope she will talk about inreach and outreach. Oberlin would like suggestions for connecting with the college students.

Friends from Wooster, Kent, and Akron Meetings are especially invited, but any Friend in the area is welcome. We would appreciate knowing how many are coming from your Meeting, so our food staff can be better prepared.

West Virginia Retreat

Friends in the West Virginia area gather for a weekend retreat each fall. Monongalia and Mid-Ohio Valley Monthly Meetings of LEYM and Charleston Friends Meeting of Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting & Association (SAYMA) invite any and all Friends to join them this fall on Saturday and Sunday, September 20-21, at Jackson's Mill, near Jane Lew, West Virginia. To receive the registration flier when it becomes available, please contact Christine Garbutt at monquakers@mac.com or (304) 292-1261.

Honoring a Teacher

Congratulations to **Jim Crowfoot** (Ann Arbor Meeting), this year's recipient of the University of Michigan's Golden Apple Award, an honor bestowed by students upon one professor each year for excellence in teaching! Winners of the award are asked to present an "ideal last lecture," which is open to the public. Jim's lecture, on March 11, was entitled "What Students Helped Me Learn: The Threats and Opportunities Facing Human Civilization."

Miyoko Bassett Memorial Lecture

Friends are invited to the inaugural **Miyoko Inouye Bassett Memorial Human Rights Lecture** at Friends School in Detroit on Thursday, April 17, at 8pm. The speakers are David Yamamoto (Ann Arbor Meeting), who, like Miyo, was part of a Japanese-American family whose members were exiled to an internment camp during World War II, and Nazih Hassan, a Lebanese Canadian and plaintiff in a lawsuit challenging the federal government's warrantless wiretapping program. David and Nazih will speak on "Human Rights at Risk: American Responses in Times of Fear." As part of the Miyoko Inouye Bassett Human Rights Lectureship and Day of Learning, the speakers will also visit the school for a day to engage with students about their human rights experiences. The lecture is free. Donations to the endowment to support future lectures and days of learning are welcome; please write your (tax deductible) check to "Friends School in Detroit / Bassett Lectureship" and mail it to Friends School in Detroit, 1100 St. Aubin Street, Detroit, MI 48207-2896.

DEATH

William P. Brown, of Mid-Ohio Valley Meeting, died at his home on February 5, 2008, after a 2-1/2 year struggle with cancer. Bill was treasurer for Mid-Ohio Valley Meeting for many years, and both he and his wife, Ann, used to be active with LEYM. Bill taught biology at the University of Connecticut and later at Marietta College, where he served as department chair. The memorial service has been scheduled for Sunday, May 25, at 12:30, at the Betsey Mills Club in Marietta, Ohio. The family requests that contributions in Bill's honor be made to the local hospice at 401 Matthew Street, Marietta, OH 45750.

LEYM Change of Address

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Address _____
City _____
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Please return to:

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Thank you!

Each Friend, Bring a
Friend to Bluffton!
Annual Meeting,
June 12 - 15
(See pages 2-7)

Calendar

LAKE ERIE YEARLY MEETING

- ◆ MAY 15 DUE DATE FOR STATISTICAL REPORTS
- ◆ MAY 24 LAST DAY TO REGISTER CHILDREN FOR ANNUAL MEETING; LAST DAY TO REGISTER ADULTS AT REDUCED RATES. SEE INSERT.
- ◆ MAY 31 DUE DATE FOR STATE OF THE MEETING REPORTS
- ◆ JUNE 12 - 15 ANNUAL MEETING
BLUFFTON UNIVERSITY, BLUFFTON, OHIO
- ◆ JULY 1 DUE DATE FOR *ANNUAL RECORDS 2008*
- ◆ SEPTEMBER 1 DUE DATE FOR FALL BULLETIN

FGC-RELATED EVENTS

- ◆ **No Longer Strangers: A Conference for Friends of Color and Their Families**, April 25-27, Colombiere Conference Center, Clarkston, Michigan; sponsored by FGC Committee for Ministry on Racism. Contact vanessaj@fgc.quaker.org.
- ◆ **Young Adult Friends Conference**, Memorial Day Weekend (May 23-26), Earlham College. See www.fgcquaker.org/qy or www.Quakeryouth.org.
- ◆ **2008 Gathering of Friends**, June 28 - July 5, University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown (Pennsylvania), on the theme *Courageously Faithful*. Visit www.fgcquaker.org/gathering.
- ◆ **Out of the Living Silence: A Dynamic Conference for Religious Educators, Parents, and Other Adults**, August 14-17, Bradford Woods, Indiana (near Indianapolis). See www.fgcquaker.org/religious-ed.

GREEN PASTURES QUARTERLY MEETING

- ◆ MAY 17 SPRING GATHERING
MICHIGAN FRIENDS CENTER (NEAR CHELSEA)
- ◆ AUGUST 3 SUMMER GATHERING
QUAKER PARK, BATTLE CREEK
- ◆ SEPTEMBER 20 FALL GATHERING
FRIENDS SCHOOL IN DETROIT

Internship Opportunity in Nonprofit Management and Social Justice Work at Ben Lomond

The Ben Lomond Quaker Center, in Ben Lomond, California, announces a one-year internship opportunity beginning in summer/fall of 2008 for an individual who is led to service with the Religious Society of Friends and who hopes to learn about nonprofit management and social justice work.

The internship includes an apartment, medical benefits, a monthly stipend, and shared use of a Quaker Center vehicle.

It is not necessary to be a member of the Religious Society of Friends or to self-identify as a Friend, but a basic understanding of and comfort with Friends' principles is important.

In addition to participating in all aspects of the operation of Quaker Center, the intern will have the opportunity to plan and complete a cooperatively designed educational project.

For further information and application materials, please visit the Quaker Center website, www.quakercenter.org. Please feel free to telephone the co-directors, Gretta and Jacob Stone, at 831 336-8333 for further information. Applications will be accepted until the end of April.

Address Service Requested

LAKE ERIE YEARLY MEETING

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Together, let us reject the
clamour of fear and listen to
the whisperings of hope.

*Yearly Meeting of Aotearoa /
New Zealand, 1987*

Spring 2008 Bulletin

We're on the Web!

<http://leym.quaker.org>

What I Like about Annual Meeting

(Answers from last year's evaluation forms)

Tangible sense of fellowship

Always feel[ing] so welcome at Bluffton University

Great spiritual depth

Meeting new friends, finding affinities for future involvement
with Quaker community & service activities!

Intergenerational focus

Being able to see everyone in a great big happy Quaker community

The book display, conversations with Friends

Being with people tender to each other

Extremely good and thought-provoking Plenary speaker

... important for the nurture and awareness of our children. They learn that their
local meetings are part of a greater community of like-minded people.

Swimming

Leaving here refreshed and with a greater awareness of spiritual tasks before me

Dancing! Workshop. Fellowship

Seeing old friends and meeting new people

Annual Meeting 2008

Bluffton University, a small liberal arts university affiliated with Mennonite Church USA, is located in Bluffton, Ohio, just off Interstate 75, about an hour south of Toledo and 90 minutes north of Dayton (and roughly two hours northwest of Columbus).

Directions to campus from I-75, traveling south:

Take exit 142 and turn right (west) onto State Route 103. At the first stop sign, turn left onto Main Street. At the third stop light, turn right onto College Avenue, which runs through the heart of campus.

Directions to campus from I-75, traveling north:

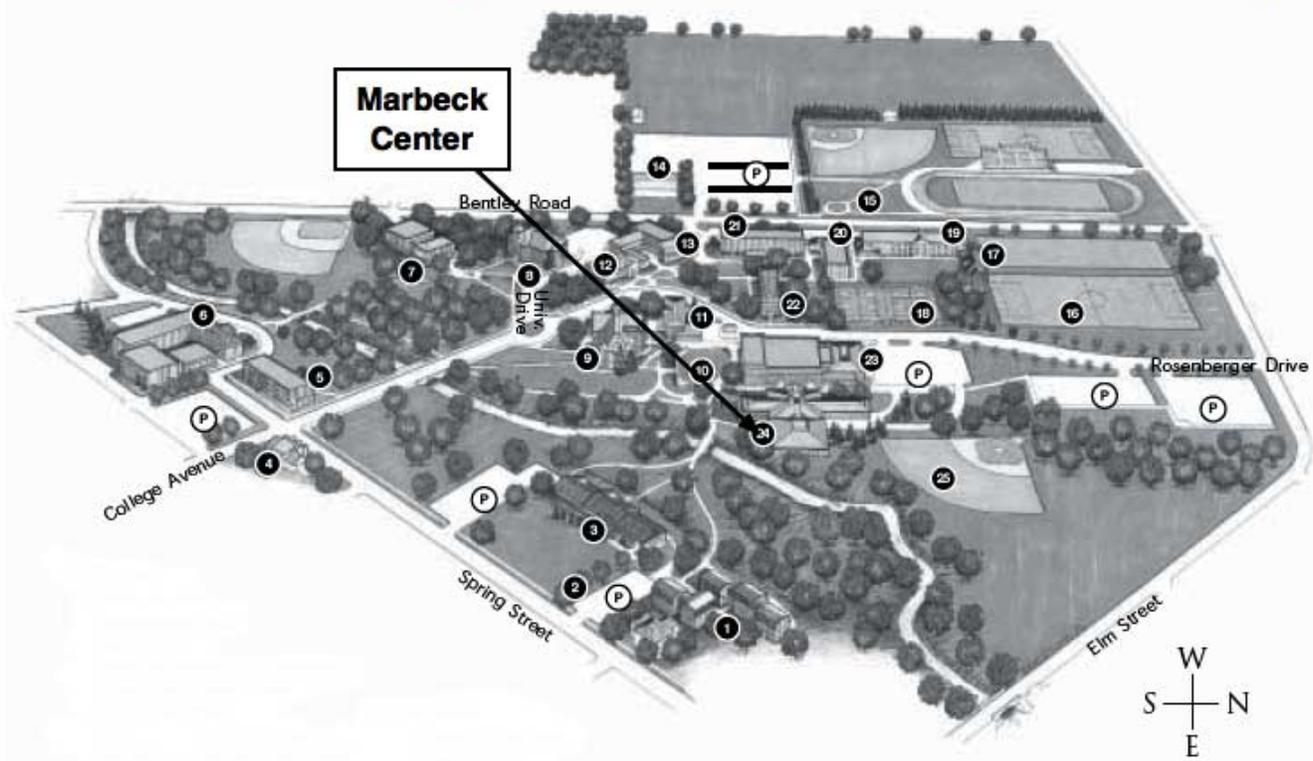
Take exit 140 and turn left (west) onto Bentley Road. At the first stop sign, turn right onto Main Street. At the first stop light, turn left onto College Avenue, which runs right into campus.

Most Annual Meeting activities take place at the **Marbeck Center** (no. 24 on the campus map, below). Go there first to register; the closest parking lot is nearby, just to the right of no. 23. Dorms are to the west (nos. 19 & 21), with parking off Bentley Road. (*Note that on this map, west is up; College Avenue enters campus from the southeast.*)

First time at Annual Meeting?

Be sure to attend one of the **Newcomer Enrichment Meetings**, Thursday at 6:30 pm or Friday at 9:40 am (place tba).

BLUFFTON UNIVERSITY



LEYM 2008 REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

See the attached registration sheet, or get a copy from your meeting, or download from leym.quaker.org.

REMINDERS & INFORMATION:

1. **PARENT CONSENT FORMS AND CHILDREN'S REGISTRATIONS MUST BE IN TO REGISTRAR, POSTMARKED MAY 24, IF YOUR CHILD IS TO BE IN THE YOUTH PROGRAM.**

2. ADULT REGISTRATIONS POSTMARKED BY MAY 24TH ALSO ENTITLE ADULTS TO PAY THE EARLY-BIRD FEE.

3. LATE ARRIVALS AND PART-TIME PARTICIPANTS MUST STILL PAY TOTAL REGISTRATION FEE AND TOTAL FEES FOR DAYS' LODGING. WE CAN'T PRO-RATE REG. FEE.

4. YOUTH LEADERS MUST REGISTER FOR LEYM EVEN THO FULL-TIME YOUTH LEADERS INCUR NO EXPENSES.

5. PLEASE TAKE NOTE THAT WE WILL BE STAYING IN RAMSEYER OR HIRSCHY (AN OLDER DORM). **BLANKETS AND PILLOWS ARE NOT PROVIDED IN HIRSCHY; THEY ARE PROVIDED IN RAMSEYER. (NOTE: LINEN SERVICE DOES NOT INCLUDE BLANKETS AND PILLOWS.)**

6. CAMPING SPACE IS PROVIDED.

As you fill out the newly updated form, note that there are again **separate sections for adults and children** to reflect that fees vary depending on age: **"adults" (for lodging and meals' purposes) are listed as ages 13 and older, and "children" (for lodging and meals' purposes) are listed as persons ages 3-12.** (For Registration Fee Purposes, "children" includes 13-17.) Toddlers (age 2 and younger) pay nothing (except for linens), but we still need to know that they are coming. (All children are welcome, toilet-trained or not.) Anyone (including toddlers) who requests linen service is charged the same fee.

Please list the name of each family member who will be attending the LEYM gathering. Include last name of each, especially if last names are different. Include ages of all persons under 18.

In the **LODGING** section put a check or X under each night that the person is staying in a dorm or camping, multiply the cost shown by nights stayed, and enter the proper charge under the dormitory, camping, or commuting choice. For children 2 years old and younger simply enter a dash in the "Total" space. If you're commuting, note that **commuters pay a daily facility charge (and, of course, registration)**, so you multiply the facility charge shown by days at LEYM and enter the proper charge. **Partial days are counted as one day each, so for our purposes Thursday noon through Sunday noon would count as four days.** If you wish to have linens provided (sheets, pillowcase, towel, & washcloth), enter that one-time fee per stay under the linen heading. **Calculate the Lodging Subtotal for each person and write amount in space provided.**

In the **MEALS** section, put a check or X under each meal each person will be eating. **The costs for each individual meal are listed at the top under MEALS.** (The cost for each day is listed under the day for your convenience.) **Calculate the Food subtotal for each person and write amount in space provided.** Under the **Adult Reg. column, select and enter correct fee for each person. Note that there is not a registration fee for children this year.**

For the **ADULT TOTAL COST** column, add the Adult Lodge Subtotal, Adult Food Subtotal, and Adult Registration Fee to reach the Adult Total Cost for each adult.

Enter information in the same way below for CHILDREN'S LODGING, MEALS, AND FEES, as indicated and enter each **CHILD'S TOTAL COST.** Enter the correct total costs for each person in each section in the last column. Finally, **add the individual totals and enter the GRAND TOTAL.**

Please indicate the amount you are paying in advance with your registration form and how much is due when you arrive at the Yearly Meeting gathering. **Checks should be made payable to LEYM.**

Please complete your address and Monthly Meeting information, and the Concerns section as appropriate. **(Please note that food is served cafeteria style; special diet needs can't be accommodated.)**

WHEN FINISHED, PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT AND RECHECK THE FORM TO MAKE SURE YOU HAVE INCLUDED ALL INFORMATION REQUIRED, AND RECHECK YOUR CALCULATIONS.

If your children are participating in the LEYM youth program, complete the parent consent form (required for child to participate in the youth program) on the back of the registration form. This includes the parent/guardian's consent for children, request for emergency contact and related information, and tee-shirt size.

High School graduates through age 25 participating in the Adult Young Friends' Program, please indicate by an "*" next to your age on the registration form.

If you wish to participate in a Worship Sharing Group, place a check mark in the column labeled "Wrship Grp" after the names column.

Return **BOTH** completed Registration form **AND** completed Parent Consent form mentioned above **WITH** your payment to **Registrar Vanessa Fuson**, address in lower center of Registration Form.

Hope to see you there this year!

[LEYM 2008 Registration instructions.doc](#)

ADULTS 13 and over
(under 18 please include age)
Adult Young Friends' program participants:
(high school graduate through age 25) indicate
by an "*" with age.

Last Name, First Name	Wship Grp?	Age	ADULT LODGING per DAY			ADULT MEALS					Adult Reg (age 18+)	Adult Total Cost					
			NIGHTS (check)	DORM-ITORY (choose)	FACILITY USE	Adult Lodge Sub-Total	Th	Fr	Sa	Su			Adult Food Sub-Total	Early Bird (postmarked by May 24):			
			Th	Fr	Sa	Ramseyer \$20.50 A/C Hirschy \$15.50 NO A/C	Camp \$10 per night	Com-mute \$4.00 each day	L	S	B	L	S	B	L	Adult Reg \$37 Regular \$47 Ages 13-17: free	

Last Name, First Name	Age	CHILD LODGING per DAY			CHILD MEALS					Child Reg. Fee (ages 3-12) free	Child Total Cost					
		NIGHTS (check)	DORM-ITORY (choose)	FACILITY USE	Child Lodge Sub-Total	Th	Fr	Sa	Su			Child Food Sub-Total				
		Th	Fr	Sa	Ramseyer \$14 A/C Hirschy \$9 NO A/C	Camp \$5 per night	Com-mute \$4.00 each day	L	S	B	L	S	B	L		

CHILDREN 3 - 12
(only fee for child 2 or under is linen)
All children welcome, toilet trained or not.

ADDRESS _____

Monthly Meeting _____

Phone (H) _____

E-mail address _____

First Time Attender? _____

Will you host a First-Time-Attender? _____

CONCERNS:
How many for vegetarian diet? _____
Trouble w/stairs? _____
Trouble w/walking? _____
Use wheelchair? _____
Teen(s) want to be with family or other teens? _____
Other? _____

ROOMMATES:
I prefer to be alone _____
Prefer roommate _____
Will room as family-# of rms: _____
If you need financial assistance, please contact your monthly meeting first, then Vanessa Fuson- fusonv@denison.edu 740-587-4756 ASAP.

IMPORTANT NOTES:
▶ If you arrive in the evening, or after Thursday you still need to pay the total registration fee and the total fees for the day's lodging; Sorry, registration fee is not pro-rated.
▶ There's now a \$20 fee for a lost key card.
▶ For child to participate in children's program, registration must be postmarked by 24 May.
▶ All children welcome, toilet trained or not.

PRINT & RETURN FORMS TO:
Vanessa Fuson
103 Shepardson Court
Granville, OH 43023

NOTE: Please make check out to LEYM and include with all registration papers.

Grand Total \$ _____

Paid in advance \$ _____

Due at registration \$ _____

**-MAY 24, 2008- Registration Deadline MAY 24, 2008-Registration Deadline MAY 24, 2008-
LEYM PARENT or GUARDIAN CONSENT & PERMISSION FORM**

All children welcome, toilet-trained or not

Child's full name: _____

Child's age at LEYM: _____

Child's grade level next fall: _____

Nickname: _____ Tee shirt size: _____ Youth Adult

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Child's age at LEYM: _____

Child's grade level next fall: _____

Nickname: _____ Tee shirt size: _____ Youth Adult

Home address: _____

Name(s) & address of children's Parent/Guardian/Adult Sponsor: _____

email address: _____

Please give a full listing of each child's medical, mental and physical / conditions as well as any medications they are currently taking:

Medical Insurance Information.

Insurance Carrier: _____

Group number: _____

Policy holder's name: _____

Policy number: _____

I am aware that my child is attending the gathering of Lake Erie Yearly Meeting at Bluffton University, Bluffton, OH, June 12-15, 2008. I authorize the adult staff to arrange for emergency medical care they deem necessary. I am aware that for my child to participate in swimming, bowling, or any other off campus activity he/she will be riding in a private motor vehicle to and from these activities. My child will only ride in vehicles equipped with seatbelts or age appropriate child-restraining devices. [Providing your child's car seat would help.]

(signature of parent or guardian)

Telephone number(s) where parent/guardian can be reached for permission for emergency medical treatment/admittance if they are not attending LEYM.

days: _____ evenings: _____ other: _____

If parent/guardian cannot be reached, notify:

_____ days: _____ evenings: _____ other: _____

TEE SHIRTS: tee shirts are provided to each child at no additional cost to families. Please indicate the child's approximate size.