



## Shall We Dance?

Clerk's Message, by Peggy Daub

*"We did conclude among ourselves to settle a meeting, to see one another's faces, and open our hearts one to another in the Truth of God once a year."*

YEARLY MEETING IN LONDON, 1668

*"The life of a religious society consists in something more than the body of principles it professes and the outer garments of organization which it wears. These things have their own importance: they embody the society to the world, and protect it from the chance and change of circumstance; but the springs of life lie deeper, and often escape recognition. They are to be found in the vital union of the members of the society with God and with one another, a union which allows the free flowing through the society of the spiritual life which is its strength."*

WILLIAM CHARLES BRAITHWAITE, 1905

Since my father suffered a physical setback in February, I have spent a significant amount of time at the home of my parents assisting them (in turn with my four siblings). Mom and Dad have been married over 73 years, and those long years of living together show in their everyday actions. As their physical capabilities have diminished in recent years, they have found ways of compensating, and quite often that compensation takes the form of one of them assisting the other. One is able to take the other's shoes off, the other can assist with putting shoes on. One holds medical paraphernalia while the other uses it. They know each other's motions and needs so well that they frequently do this without words being spoken. The complicated



routines of caring for each other have been choreographed by their day-to-day practice of finding ways to meet their needs in love and cooperation.

As I prepare for the Annual Sessions of our Yearly Meeting in a few months, I am mindful of how we depend on one another. The rhythm of our work may indeed mean that we move in perfect choreography, without need for words. But when we explore new topics or welcome new participants we realize that coordination does not come automatically, but with intention.

The history of Lake Erie Yearly Meeting is unusual because we were first set up as an Association of Monthly Meetings (1939) rather than being a Yearly Meeting first from which Monthly Meetings were derived. We retain the character of that first impulse, probably thinking of ourselves first as members of our Monthly Meetings.

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## Clerk's Message, continued

**Y**early meeting is a way for each of us to embrace a larger Quaker world outside of the Monthly Meeting. It is not the only way, of course, as many people find this larger world by attending the Gathering of Friends General Conference, or becoming involved in organizations such as the American Friends Service Committee, the Friends Committee on National Legislation, the Friends World Committee on Consultation, Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting, or others. But Yearly Meeting holds the distinction of being a uniquely easy, cost and energy efficient, and family-friendly way to meet and embrace a wider world of Friends. The three summer days we spend with one another have led to lifelong friendships, spiritually uplifting experiences, and deep personal growth for many among us.

Besides this spiritual enrichment of individuals, the Yearly Meeting offers the opportunity for Monthly Meetings to work together or to turn to one another for assistance. When the Ad Hoc Committee on Youth surveyed meetings within the Yearly Meeting last year to ask about their youth programs, one need that was expressed was that of being able to learn what other meetings are doing with their youth. Come to Yearly Meeting sessions to talk to others about this or any other concerns you have at the Monthly Meeting level.

The coordination of efforts through Yearly Meeting can also magnify local leadings. By bringing concerns to the Yearly Meeting's Peace Committee there is the potential to use the power of our collective influence, acting as a body representing a number of communities in three states.

We have the power to help each other and to learn from one another. Working closely together is a necessary step in achieving good coordination in any field of endeavor. Our Annual Sessions at the end of July are an opportunity for all of us to gather and grow. We can be spiritually refreshed by our "Quaker Camp" (as some call it). We can choreograph a graceful dance requiring close and intricate cooperation among the meetings that make up Lake Erie Yearly Meeting. Do we foster good relationships that help all to achieve spiritual growth? Do we follow spiritual leadings in an attitude of mutual love and respect? Can such a dance bring about the Kingdom of God?

### **Annual Meeting Mindful Consumption**

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### **Spiritual Practice**

**July 28–31, 2011, at Bluffton University**

### **Plenary Address**

**Sally Weaver Sommer**

**"On Being Called to Lesser Things"**

Sally is well known to many of us in LEYM. She currently serves as Clerk of Broadmead Monthly Meeting and of our Yearly Meeting Finance Committee.

She has been active in FGC, Northwest Ohio Fellowship of Reconciliation, Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association, Witness for Peace, Arvada and First Mennonite Churches, and Mennonite Voluntary Service. With degrees in Mathematics and Economics, she has held various positions at Bluffton University and is currently Vice President and Dean of Academic Affairs. She has authored and presented numerous publications and research articles in her professional life.

Sally has experience studying, living, and working abroad in a life of service. She is active in a local Earthcare group, and she and her husband, Jon, own a Natural Foods Store in Bluffton. Throughout her journey, she has been called to a life of simple living and mindful consumption.

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# What Draws us to Attend Lake Erie Yearly Meeting Annual Meeting Sessions?

This year from July 28-July 31, 2011, our plenary speaker Sally Weaver Sommer (Broadmead Monthly Meeting), our Workshops, and Bible Study will call us to our theme *Mindful Consumption as a Spiritual Practice*. We hope that Friends will be able to feel mindful as we share our lives during our weekend together.

There are numerous opportunities for fellowship, worship, and corporate decision-making with Divine assistance.

Some features of the weekend include:

- ♦ Early-morning Bible Study (*This year we're adding two afternoon sessions.*)
- ♦ Age-targeted children's program during most adult programming led by experienced and loving staff, including swimming at Twin Lakes (weather permitting), and an Epistle from each group presented on Sunday
- ♦ Comfortable, friendly campus with nearby Nature Preserve
- ♦ Meeting for Worship with attention to Business, guided by the needs of local Meetings, and which complements and supports our Monthly Meetings and Lake Erie Yearly Meeting as a whole
- ♦ Worship-sharing groups of 12 to 15 Friends each morning (*Sign up on the registration form.*)
- ♦ Saturday afternoon Workshops based on the theme
- ♦ Intergenerational program on Saturday evening
- ♦ The Friends' bookstore, where you may purchase materials which touch on the yearly meeting theme and other concerns of Friends—both adult and youth selections
- ♦ Displays from Friends' organizations, schools, and related groups
- ♦ Sharing conversations in the dorms, in meal lines near the bookstore, and during Spiritual Practice times
- ♦ Adult Young Friends meet together from across the LEYM region

## *Morning*

### **Bible Study on the Yearly Meeting Theme**

Friends are invited to Bible study on the Annual Meeting's "Mindful Consumption as a Spiritual Practice" theme on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday mornings, 6:30–7:30. The leader this year is Pat DeWitt Thomas, a third year student in the Ministry of Writing program at Earlham School of Religion. Pat is a retired camp director and has served for four years as a student, intern, and Assistant Director of Operations at Pendle Hill.

## *Saturday Evening*

### **Intergenerational Program**

7:00 Paul Tinkerhess from Ann Arbor Meeting will perform and lead us in song. Paul has sung in concert with Pete Seeger, Odetta, and John Hammond. He has led crowds at hundreds of peace rallies and given singing testimony to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. He describes himself as a "local vocalist and vocal localist." Friends of all ages will enjoy raising their voices in song with Paul.

8:00 There will be a fruit and ice cream buffet.

8:30 We'll do some folk dancing under the guidance of Rosemary Coffey. Rosemary has been touring with The Friendly FolkDancers since 1992, including visits to Kenya, Australia, Ireland, Rwanda, New Zealand, and—just last year—Cuba, as well as most sections of the US, all as guests of local Friends. She'll lead us in some simple dances from all over the world as an opening into the cultures of other lands. Friends from 3 to 93 should be able to participate without difficulty! We'll end with "The Bells of Peace," a testimony to our care for all peoples on the earth.

# Annual Meeting *Free* for Young Friends!

Meeting families should be aware that this year the Annual Meeting (July 28–31), at Bluffton University, Bluffton, Ohio, is FREE to young Friends, including 2011 high school graduates. For all young Friends, registration, housing, and dining costs are fully funded by the Yearly Meeting. LEYM has scheduled these sessions at the end of July, rather than mid-June, to ensure that families with school-aged children will be able to attend.

The program for young Friends is excellent. Recent high school graduates have, in fact, established an Adult Young Friends group at LEYM (see below) specifically to maintain and strengthen the connections they made while attending Annual Meeting as children and teenagers. It's a wonderful opportunity for our children to meet other Friends of their age from Ohio, Michigan, and Pennsylvania.

*The Advancement & Outreach Committee*

## Scholarships for First-time Attenders

Never attended LEYM's Annual Meeting before? A bit nervous about trying it?

The Yearly Meeting hopes all Friends will consider attending the Annual Meeting and therefore has a scholarship program for first-time attenders: LEYM will grant a scholarship for one third of the registration, room, and meal fees. These Friends are encouraged to ask their monthly meetings for a scholarship to cover another one third of the costs. Our desire is that no one stay home from the Annual Meeting because of the cost. Mark on the registration form that you are a first-time attender and deduct the amount of your scholarship on the "less scholarship" line. Contact the registrar, Vanessa Fuson ([fusonv@denison.edu](mailto:fusonv@denison.edu) or 740 587-4756), for more details about this scholarship program.

## Adult Young Friends Laughing, Growing, Exploring

Are you a young adult Friend who attends a meeting within LEYM? If so, we invite you to come join the Adult Young Friends (AYF) at LEYM's 2011 Annual Meeting, July 28–31 at Bluffton University. We are an energetic group of Friends who come together once a year to meet new Friends, support each other, laugh together, grow together, and explore the Annual Meeting theme. You are welcome to participate in as many AYF activities as you like, as well as any activity in the adult program. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Bekah Sommer at [bekahsommer@gmail.com](mailto:bekahsommer@gmail.com) or Erin Diffenderfer at [ediffen@luc.edu](mailto:ediffen@luc.edu).

# LEYM Workshops 2011

This year's workshops provide an offering of topics to assist us in looking at our lives as consumers and challenge us to mindfully consider how the day to day can become a spiritual practice of simplicity and right living.

## ***Eating Locally & Mindfully***

*Presented by Clémence Ravaçon-Mershon, Sarah Lenz, Jane Downes, and Jon Sommer*

A surprisingly powerful, everyday thing we can do for the planet is to eat food produced locally.

Four LEYM Friends: Clémence, rural small farmer and intensive gardener; Sarah, urban front yard gardener/chicken keeper and gourmet cook; Jon, community garden participant, vegetarian, and natural food store partner; and Jane, non-gardener and lifelong local forager, will share their food experiences. Phil Clampitt, co-clerk of the Earthcare Committee, will be facilitator.

## ***Intentional Parenting***

*Presented by Jennifer Seif and R. Scot Miller*

R. Scot Miller and Jenn Seif are members of the Grand Rapids Friends Meeting. Scot serves as co-clerk, and Jenn convenes the Religious Education Committee. They have been living in covenant relationship for 16 years, and have three children aged 14, 9, and 6.

Scot is a product of Detroit, and has a graduate degree in social work and two graduate degrees from the Earlham School of Religion.

Jenn is a graduate of Michigan State, and is a La Leche League leader and student midwife. She also unschools the three children.

The program is concerned with family-centeredness and intentional living as a means of growing together with children.

## ***“Be still and cool in thy own mind and spirit from thy own thoughts, and then . . .”***

*Presented by Jerry Knutson*

George Fox wrote a two-page letter to Lady Claypoole addressing the basic technique about what should be going on in the mind of a Quaker. We will read the letter and learn about its principles. Jerry Knutson is a member of Pittsburgh Monthly Meeting, a Released Friend, and a student at Earlham School of Religion. He started meditation in 1971 with Transcendental Meditation, learned the Edgar Cayce approach to meditation in 1983, and began worshipping with Friends in 1993. In addition to studies at ESR, Jerry has been a residential student at Pendle Hill. He has been approved by LEYM and ESR to travel in the ministry and present workshops to meetings in LEYM for the months of September and October 2011 and April and May 2012. This is part of the supervised ministry requirement of Earlham School of Religion.

## ***Meeting for Worship for Healing***

*Presented by Richard Lee*

A popular staple for LEYM, the MfW for Healing Workshop will consist of a brief discussion of this tradition among Friends. We will also discuss briefly “How to do it” and then we shall indeed “Do it.” The majority of the time will be spent in actual worship with a focus on Healing. There will be materials available for those who want them.

Richard Lee is a member of Red Cedar Monthly Meeting whose lifelong interest in healing goes back to time spent with his grandmother. He has participated in a diverse ministry of healing practices, including peace work, mediation, race relations, Mennonite Centering Prayer, Amish powwowing, and many others.

## ***Mindful Lobbying:***

*FCNL presentation by Deanna Boyd*

Do you believe resources should be refocused from military spending to meeting human needs? If so, come to a workshop led by FCNL staff member Deanna Boyd, on FCNL’s “Our Nation’s Checkbook” program, which seeks to rebalance the federal budget to reflect the nation’s true priorities. Come learn about FCNL’s budget work, and how to effectively lobby your members of Congress on issues you care about.

Deanna Boyd is the Program Assistant for the Nuclear Disarmament Program at Friends Committee on National Legislation. Before coming to FCNL, she worked at the Baltimore City Mayor’s Office, where she witnessed the balancing of a \$121 million dollar debt—so she knows it’s possible to balance the budget! She is a lifelong member of Stony Run Monthly Meeting, Baltimore Yearly Meeting, and is active in FGC.

## ***Plenary Follow-Up:***

*Presented by Sally Weaver Sommer*

This workshop will allow for further discussion of questions and issues raised during the plenary talk that Sally will give on Friday evening.

Sally, a familiar face at LEYM, grew up as a Mennonite and has always tried to live simply. She remembers celebrating her first Earth Day as a high school senior in 1970 and is currently active in a local Earthcare group. She and her husband, Jon, own a natural foods store in Bluffton and have been vegetarians since 1982. She credits years of living in South America in voluntary service with giving her a keen sense of the necessity to respond to the needs of people around the world.

# Preliminary Schedule: Lake Erie Yearly Meeting

## July 28–30, 2011

### *Mindful Consumption as Spiritual a Practice*

\* Childcare available during this meeting/event

From	To	Thursday, July 28
12:00 noon	12:30 pm	Lunch line open for LEYM
1:00 pm	3:00 pm	Executive Committee Meeting
2:00 pm	3:30 pm	Field Trip to Bluffton University Natural Area Preserve
3:30 pm	5:30 pm	Committee Meetings; check board in registration area for locations. Those not on committees may sit in.
5:00 pm		Ramseyer Dorm opens
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 *
From	To	Friday, July 29
6:30 am	7:30 am	Bible Study on Yearly Meeting Theme with Pat DeWitt Thomas. 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	12:30 pm	Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business *
12:30 pm	1:00 pm	Lunch line open for LEYM
1:30 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) LEYM Advices and Queries Interest Group *
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 Bible Study on Yearly Meeting Theme with Pat DeWitt Thomas
7:15 pm	8:45 pm	Plenary Speaker – Sally Weaver Sommer, “On Being Called to Lesser Things” *
9:00 pm	9:45 pm	Activity planned by Adult Young Friends
From	To	Saturday, July 30
6:30 am	7:30 am	Bible Study on Yearly Meeting Theme with Pat DeWitt Thomas. 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 *
9:45 am	11:45 am	Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business *
12 noon	12:30 pm	Lunch line open for LEYM

# Preliminary Schedule: Lake Erie Yearly Meeting 2011

From	To	Saturday, July 30 <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	<b>Workshops</b> —check board in registration area for locations. * <i>Plenary Follow-up</i> (Sally Weaver Sommer) <i>Eating Locally &amp; Mindfully</i> (Clémence Ravaçon-Mershon, Sarah Lenz, Jane Downes, and Jon Sommer) <i>Intentional Parenting</i> (Jennifer Seif and R. Scot Miller) <i>“Be still and cool in thy own mind and spirit from thy own thoughts, and then . . .”</i> (Jerry Knutson) <i>FCNL Presentation: Mindful Lobbying</i> (Deanna Boyd) <i>Meeting for Worship for Healing</i> (Richard Lee)
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 project Bible Study on Yearly Meeting Theme with Pat DeWitt Thomas
7:00 pm	8:00 pm	Intergenerational Evening: Music and Song with Paul Tinkerhess
8:00 pm	8:30 pm	Intergenerational Evening: fruit and ice cream buffet
8:30 pm	9:30 pm	Intergenerational Evening: Folk Dancing with Rosemary Coffey
From	To	Sunday, July 31
6:30 am	7:30 am	Bible Study on the Yearly Meeting Theme with Pat DeWitt Thomas. Others wishing to meet, please post a description and location in the registration area.
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 *
12:00 noon	12:30 pm	Lunch line open for LEYM

\* Child care available during this meeting/event.

## Of Special Note:

- ◆ Anyone wishing to Worship Share on Friday and Saturday mornings should mark the “Worship 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 at 6:30 pm or Friday at 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; schedule your own in the registration area.
- ◆ There will be singing in the fireplace room during spiritual practice times and after lunches and dinners.

## **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 2011 Yearly Meeting:

**Travel coordination** will begin at the level of 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 to Al Connor the names of any individuals needing or who can still offer rides after these coordination efforts are completed.

**This information** should be provided to him by July 8.

Those who are unable to arrange for needed transportation/additional passengers through local meetings should contact Al directly. Any questions regarding this process can also be directed to him. He can be reached at 734 769-1592 or [alconnor1019@provide.net](mailto:alconnor1019@provide.net).

### ***A Fun and Spiritual Activity Thursday Afternoon!*** **FIELD TRIP TO THE BLUFFTON UNIVERSITY NATURAL AREA PRESERVE**

*Thursday, July 28, 2011, 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 Registration area in Marbeck Center shortly after 2:00 p.m. on Thursday. All interested Friends who have the endurance to walk a couple of miles are invited.

### **EARTHCARE COMMITTEE MEETING**

*Thursday, July 28, 2011, 4:00 p.m.*

The Earthcare Committee will meet in a far corner of the dining room on Thursday, July 28, at 4:00 (after the field trip to the Natural Area Preserve). The agenda includes planning Earthcare displays, the workshop (see p. 5), and other Yearly Meeting activities.

Anyone interested is welcome to join us.



# Annual Meeting 2011

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.

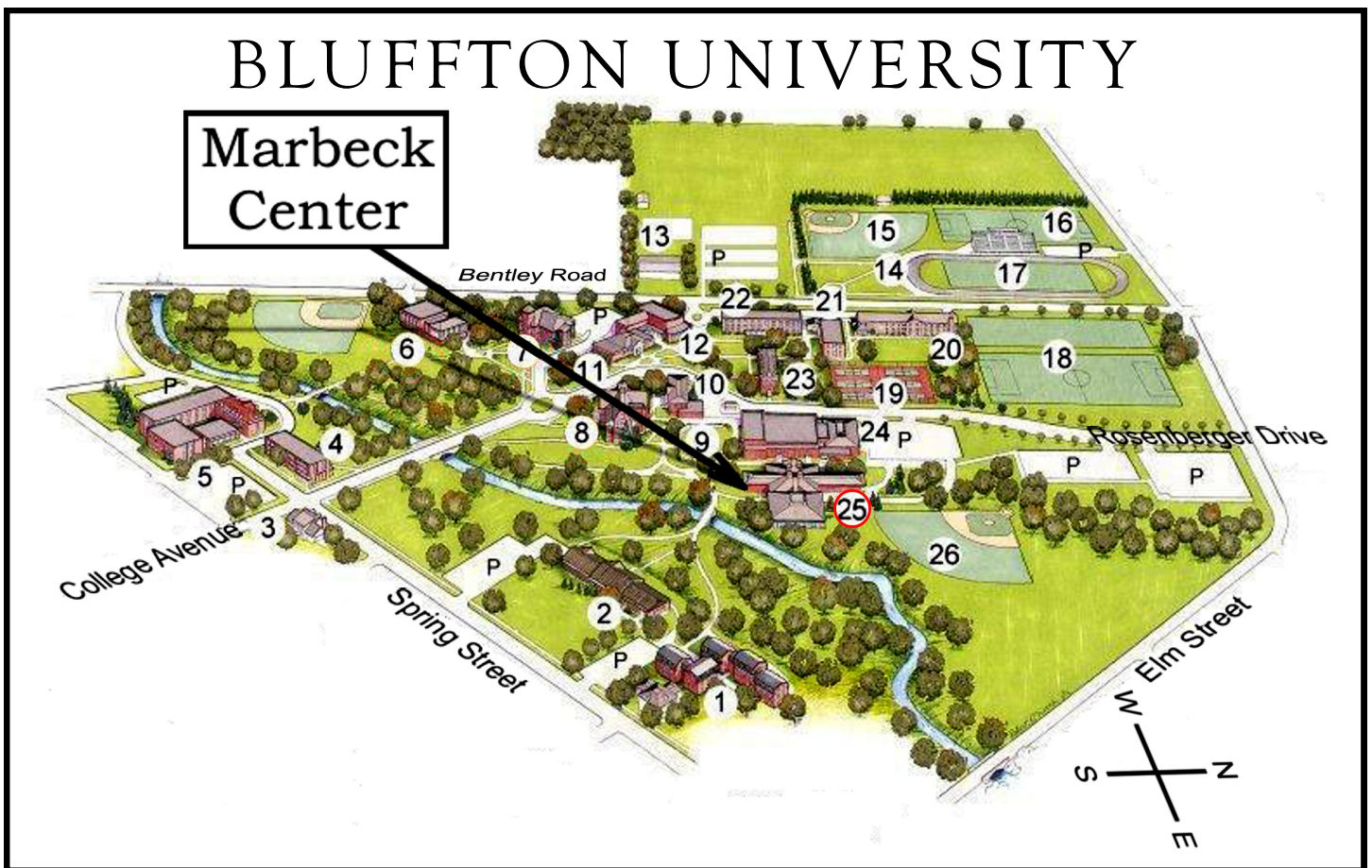
Directions to campus from I-75, traveling north:

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** (number 25 on the campus map, below). Go there first to register; the closest parking lot is nearby, just to the right of no. 24. Dorms are to the west, 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 to be announced).



Please read registration instructions  
before completing this form.

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Address	
Monthly Meeting	
Phone (H)	
E-mail	
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 rooms: \_\_\_\_\_

	<b>Subtotal \$</b>
less Scholarship	\$ _____
<b>Grand Total \$</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>
Paid in advance	\$ _____
Due at check in	\$ _____

Make check payable to: LEYM

Mail completed Registration Form,  
Parent or Guardian Consent &  
Permission Form, and check to:

Vanessa Fuson  
103 Shepardson Ct.  
Granville, OH 43023

## Registration Instructions

**1. Registration deadline** is Thursday, July 7. Registration Form, Parental Consent Form, and check must be postmarked by this date for all children attending. Adults who register after this date must pay the higher \$50 registration fee. Room assignments will be made on a first come, first served basis.

**2. Please complete a line** on the registration form for each family member attending. Although children age 0-18 are free this year, and adults who work full time with the youth do not incur charges, **it is important that every person attending be listed on the registration form** so that housing assignments can be made, meals are available, and program needs can be met.

**3. Worship Group:** Put a check in the Worship Grp? column if you wish to participate in a worship sharing group.

**4. Adult Young Friend:** Put a check in the Adult Young Friend? column if age 19-25 and you wish to participate in Adult Young Friends activities.

**5. Lodging:** Overnight attendees may stay in Ramseyer Hall, which is air conditioned, for \$21.75/night, Hirschy Hall, which is not air conditioned, for \$16.75/night, or camp on the lawn near these dorms, for \$10.00/night. Prices are per person. Dorm rooms have two twin beds. Often additional beds or mattresses can be moved from an empty room to accommodate children sleeping in parents' rooms. Campers need to bring their own tents and sleeping bags and will have access to dormitory restroom facilities. Put a check in the box below each night a person is staying. In the Lodging Choice column, specify Ramseyer (R), Hirschy (H), or camping (C).

**6. Linens:** Put a check in the Linens column if linens are desired. The \$9.25/stay cost covers top and bottom sheets, pillowcase, towel, washcloth, and small bar of soap. Alternatively, sheets and towels may be brought from home. Children and adults going to the lake will need towels for swimming. The beds in the dorms are x-long twin size.

**7. Blankets and pillows:** Blankets and pillows are not included in the linens packet. Ramseyer rooms have blankets, but not pillows. Hirschy Annex rooms have neither blankets nor pillows.

**8. Commuters:** Attendees commuting from home or staying overnight off campus pay the commuter fee for each day attending. The cost is \$4.00/day. If attending only part of a day, the full day fee for that day should be paid. Put a check in the box below each day attending.

**9. Lodging/Commuter subtotal:** Enter a value for adults age 19 and up only. For lodging: multiply the number of nights staying by the cost per night of the chosen lodging and, if linens are desired, add in the linen cost, and enter the value in the Lodging Subtotal column. For commuters: multiply the number of days commuting by the daily commuter fee and enter the value in the Lodging Subtotal Column.

**10. Meals:** Put a check in the box for each meal desired. Cost per meal for adults age 19 and up: breakfast \$5.50, lunch \$7.50, supper \$8.50. Add together the cost of all meals and enter in the Meals Subtotal column.

**11. Registration Fee:** Adult age 19 and up pay a registration fee of \$40 if the registration form is postmarked by Thursday, July 7, or \$50 if postmarked thereafter. Part time participants must pay the full registration fee.

**12. First Time Attenders:** Those attending for the first time are entitled to a discount of  $\frac{1}{3}$  off total costs. After calculating the "Total" for each adult, calculate  $\frac{1}{3}$  of Totals for all adults who are attending for the first time and enter the value in the Scholarship field.

### **13. CHILDREN:**

a. Registrations for children and completed Parent or Guardian Consent & Permission Forms must be postmarked by Thursday, July 7.

b. Children age 0-18 are free this year. The cost of food, lodging, linens (if desired), and registration will be paid for by LEYM. Those participating in the Adult Young Friends program must register and pay fees as an adult.

c. Children need not be toilet trained.

d. A line on the registration form must be filled out for each child to assure a place in the Youth and Children's Program, lodging, and meals.

e. A parent or guardian should complete the LEYM Parent or Guardian Consent & Permission Form for all children age 0-18.

**14. Contact Information:** Please fill out your address, phone number, monthly meeting, and email address. If an email address is specified, the registrar will notify you when your registration has been received.

**15. Concerns/Roommates:** Please complete these sections as applicable. We will try our best to meet your requests.

**16. Payment:** Please make checks payable to LEYM and mail along with your completed registration form, and Parent or Guardian Consent & Permission Form if children will be attending, to the registrar: Vanessa Fuson, 103 Shepardson Ct., Granville OH 43023.

**17. Financial Assistance:** Those desiring financial assistance should first contact their monthly meetings. If needs cannot be met by the monthly meeting, contact the registrar.

**18. Emergency Contact:** If someone needs to reach you while you are attending LEYM, during business hours, a message may be left at the Marbeck Center switchboard: 419-358-3000. After hours, campus security can be called at: 419-358-3343.

**19. Questions?:** Please contact Vanessa Fuson, registrar, at [fusonv@denison.edu](mailto:fusonv@denison.edu) or 740-587-4756.

**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

Child's full name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Child's age at LEYM: \_\_\_\_\_  
Child's grade level next fall: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_ Tee shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_ Youth Adult

Child's full name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Child's age at LEYM: \_\_\_\_\_  
Child's grade level next fall: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_ Tee shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_ Youth Adult

Child's full name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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, July 28 – 31, 2011. 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.

# Lake Erie Yearly Meeting Representative Meeting

Hosted by Ann Arbor Friends Meeting

## Minutes

April 2, 2011

**RM11-1** The session opened with the Assistant Clerk reading from the epistle from Baltimore Yearly Meeting, out of the silence of the opening worship. The theme of BYM was *Leadings for Today: Lessons from History*, addressing racism. How can we learn from the struggles with racism in the Religious Society of Friends and in our wider culture? Lectures and plays during the Yearly Meeting emphasized the difference each of us can make, and how attuned we need to be to the struggles and suffering of others, how we need to address our own fears and struggles regarding racism and bigotry to become ready to address racism in ourselves, our meetings and in the wider Quaker community.

**RM11-2** Peter Wood (Red Cedar) was **approved** as temporary recording clerk.

**RM11-3** The roll call of Friends from constituent meetings and worship groups gave the following count:

Akron 2	Broadmead 8	Grand Rapids 1	Kent 0	Oberlin 0	Wooster 3
Ann Arbor 10	Cleveland 5	Granville 1	Mid-Ohio Valley 0	Pine River 2	Worship Groups 0
Athens 2	Delaware 0	Holland 0	Monongalia 0	Pittsburgh 5	
Birmingham 1	Detroit 3	Kalamazoo 4	North Columbus 3	Red Cedar 2	Total: 52

**RM11-4** The Clerk reviewed LEYM's Guidelines for Conduct in meeting for worship with attention to business.

**RM11-5 Executive Committee Report:** Peggy Daub, Clerk (Ann Arbor), reported. The Executive Committee met twice. Minutes will be on the web site. A streamlined procedure for approving minutes from Executive Committee was outlined. The full report is appended.

**RM11-6 Clerk's report:** Peggy Daub, Clerk, reported. The full report is appended. Monongalia Monthly Meeting has requested a transfer of membership to Baltimore Yearly Meeting. The request was **approved**. Buckhannon Preparative Meeting, which is under the care of Monongalia Monthly Meeting, also requested a transfer of membership to Baltimore Yearly Meeting. This request was also **approved**. The Clerk was asked to express to both meetings our ongoing good wishes for their welfare. The Clerk brought forward the following Naming Committee: Don Nagler (Pine River) and Eric Starbuck (Pittsburgh). **Friends approved.**

**RM11-7 High School Teen Retreat Program:** Meaghan Diffenderfer (Cleveland) and Brady Connor (Ann Arbor) reported. The full report is appended. **The following minute of appreciation for Cari Burke's service was approved:** Lake Erie Yearly Meeting is grateful for the dedicated work from Cari Burke with the High School Teen Retreat Program for the past two program years. Cari has been able to build a safe community for Young Friends, has nurtured leadership among Young Friends, and has nurtured in them seeds of Quaker Faith. We are grateful for Cari's dedication to the spiritual nurture of Young Friends and we will miss her.

**RM11-8 Adult & Family Program Committee:** Becky Morehouse (Ann Arbor) reported. The theme of the Yearly Meeting sessions will be "Mindful Consumption as a Spiritual Practice," with Sally Weaver Sommer (Broadmead) as the plenary speaker. The full report is appended.

**RM11-9 Youth & Children Program Committee:** Olwen Pritchard (Broadmead) reported. Ongoing needs were described. More than 30 children are expected to attend the Annual Meeting. The full report is appended.

**RM11-10 Arrangements & Site:** Jon Sommer (Broadmead) gave the report. This year's Annual Meeting will be held at Bluffton University July 28-31, 2011. The 2012 Annual Meeting will be held at Bluffton University, July 26-29. Physical arrangements will be much the same as last year. Adults on average will need to spend around \$162 to attend the yearly sessions in 2011.

**RM11-11 Treasurer's report:** Eric Starbuck (Pittsburgh) reported. Most meetings have paid their annual contributions and LEYM is "in good shape." The youth activity fund has over \$10,000 in it. The full report is appended.

**RM11-12 Finance Committee:** Sally Weaver Sommer (Broadmead) reported. The full report is appended. We have successfully reduced the general fund balance, as planned. Three recommendations were made: 1) Increase the registration fee by \$3. 2) Children should continue to come free. 3) Remove the discount for first time attenders. These recommendations were discussed. Continuing the discount for first time attenders could require additional increases in fees for returning attenders. While the Representative Meeting supports the

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idea of encouraging first time attenders, we also do not wish to unduly burden returning attenders. We will continue to evaluate balances in each of the funds. Since the Finance Committee is empowered to set the registration fee, we ask the Committee to take the sense of this discussion back to their deliberations. **The Representative Meeting approved empowering the Finance Committee to set the degree of discount for first time attenders to LEYM sessions.** There was also concern expressed about making sure that there is sufficient financial support for LEYM representatives to attend the FWCC World Conference of Friends.

**RM11-13 Peace Committee:** Nancy Taylor (Ann Arbor) reported. Suggestions for changes in the Policies and Procedures manual to reflect the Peace Committee's focus were outlined. The Committee intends to increase its communication with monthly meetings. The full report is appended.

**RM11-14Ad Hoc Policies and Procedures Committee:** Jeff Cooper (Ann Arbor) reported. Jeff outlined the history of the Ad Hoc Committee's work. They ask representatives to take copies of proposed changes back to monthly meetings for e-mail feedback to the Committee. The revised version is also available on the LEYM web site. The deadline for comments is June 1, 2011. They hope to be able to bring a final revised version for approval at the Annual Sessions in July.

**RM11-15 Earthcare Committee:** Judy Greenberg (Broadmead) reported. The committee will give a workshop at the Annual Meeting in July, and will explore the influence it wishes to have regarding the Advices and Queries being formulated for LEYM. The full report is appended.

**RM11-16 Ministry & Nurture Committee:** Elaine Wilson (Ann Arbor) reported. The report focused on the Spiritual Formation program of the Yearly Meeting, on suggestions for making the program at Annual Sessions more spiritually enriching, and on responses by monthly meetings to the Advices and Queries being formulated for LEYM by the Ad Hoc Committee for Advices and Queries. The Ministry & Nurture Committee recommends that a summary of monthly meeting responses be posted to the website. The full report is appended.

**RM11-17 Advancement & Outreach Committee:** Mike Hinshaw (Wooster) reported. Committee activities in outreach and communication with meetings and seekers were reviewed. The full report is appended.

**RM11-18 Nominating Committee:** Thomas Taylor (Ann Arbor) reported. Two major positions need to be filled: Recording Clerk for two and half years, and Bulletin Editor. The Nominating Committee brings forward the name of Les Walden for this latter position. **The Representative Meeting approved Les Walden as Bulletin Editor until the current term is completed.** His name will be brought forward for a new term at the Annual Sessions in July 2011. Other positions to be filled are outlined in the full report, appended.

**RM11-19 Ad Hoc Queries & Advices Committee:** Thomas Taylor (Ann Arbor) reported. Responses from eight meetings so far are helping in the formulation of a next draft, which the committee hopes to have ready for the Annual Sessions in July. Responses from other meetings are hoped for by April 17. The full report is appended.

**RM11-20 Publications & Archives Committee:** Rosemary Coffey (Pittsburgh) reported. The Committee recommends continuation of the policy on photography (RM 10-9). That policy reads: Photos of Friends of all ages may appear on the website. Friends can request that pictures of themselves or their children *not* be posted on the website by placing a "no photo" sticker on their nametag on all LEYM events, including retreats. These stickers shall be made available with the name tags, and their availability shall be well publicized. For events where name tags are not worn or parental permission to attend is required, the opportunity to request that photos not be posted on the website will be offered by other means, such as registration or permission forms. **The Representative Meeting approved making this policy permanent.** Rosemary Coffey will edit the *Annual Records* for 2011. Joe Mills (Kalamazoo) will act as her apprentice. The full report is appended.

**RM11-21 We approved the following minute of appreciation for Ann Arbor Monthly Meeting:** Lake Erie Representative Meeting expresses its appreciation to the Friends of Ann Arbor Monthly Meeting for the many gifts they have provided this weekend. We have been welcomed warmly, fed well, housed comfortably, and given the resources to conduct our business in spiritual and physical comfort. We extend our gratitude for their attending to our physical, emotional, and spiritual needs with a palpable ministry of hospitality.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Wood  
Temporary Recording Clerk

Peggy Daub  
Presiding Clerk



# 4/1/2011 Treasurer's Report by Eric Starbuck

## GENERAL FUND INCOME

GIVER	AMOUNT
Akron Friends Meeting	
Ann Arbor Friends Meeting	\$ 4,884.00
Athens Friends Meeting	\$ 150.00
Birmingham Monthly Meeting	\$ 713.00
Broadmead Friends Meeting	\$ 900.00
Cleveland Friends Meeting	\$ 2,220.00
Delaware Friends Meeting	\$ 370.00
Detroit Friends Meeting	\$ 500.00
Grand Rapids Friends Mtg	\$ 891.50
Granville Friends Meeting	\$ 850.00
Holland Friends Meeting	
Kalamazoo Friends Meeting	\$ 1,295.00
Kent Friends Meeting	\$ 703.00
Mid-Ohio Valley Friends Meeting	\$ 144.00
Monongalia Friends Meeting	\$ 1,200.00
North Columbus Friends Meeting	\$ 800.00
Oberlin Friends Meeting	
Pine River Friends Meeting	\$ 592.00
Pittsburgh Friends Meeting	\$ 5,106.00
Red Cedar Friends Meeting	\$ 2,592.00
Wooster Friends Meeting	\$ 444.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 24,354.50</b>

FUNDS	Open	Income	YM Subsidy	Expense	Close
General Fund	\$ 6,816.18	\$ 24,413.85		\$ -	\$ 31,230.03
Granville Youth Fund (CD)	\$ 6,010.60	\$ 159.09		\$ 159.09	\$ 6,010.60
Annual Meeting Fund	\$ 5,984.54	\$ 15,799.62		\$ 18,769.35	\$ 3,014.81
Youth Activity Fund*	\$ 9,563.88	\$ 506.94	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,596.12	\$ 10,174.70
High School Youth Fund*	\$ 6,348.95	\$ 2,140.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 4,106.68	\$ 5,482.27
Spiritual Formation*	\$ 3,825.14	\$ 3,030.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 3,717.61	\$ 3,737.53
FWCC Travel*	\$ 4,186.45		\$ 1,240.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,726.45
Consultation Fund*	\$ 3,556.65				\$ 3,556.65
Ministry Scholarship Fund*	\$ -		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
<b>Total</b>	\$ 46,292.39	\$ 46,049.50	\$ 6,640.00	\$ 33,048.85	\$ 65,933.04

**\*These moneys are held in our checking account.**

**We do the accounting. We also subsidize them.**

NOTE: Annual Meeting Fund has \$5000 invested in a CD at Shorebank,

so the \$3014.81 balance reflects a -2034.46 checking balance + 5049.27 CD balance.

CDs - Urban Partnership	Open	Income	Expense	Close
Granville Youth 686108009	\$ 6,010.60	\$ 159.09	\$ 159.09	\$ 6,010.60
Youth Activity 4003416	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 37.85		\$ 5,037.85
General Fund 4003416	\$ 2,623.26	\$ 34.43		\$ 2,657.69
Annual Meeting 4003424	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 49.27		\$ 5,049.27
General Fund 4003424	\$ 2,459.44	\$ 24.92		\$ 2,484.36
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 21,093.30	\$ 305.56	\$ 159.09	\$ 21,239.77

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**Treasurer's Report continued****GENERAL FUND BUDGETED EXPENSE**

ACCOUNT	BUDGET	ACTUAL EXPENSE	Budget %
Travel	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,197.35	87%
Office	\$ 200.00	\$ 10.00	5%
Contract Worker	\$ 2,075.00	\$ 696.25	34%
Finance	\$ 100.00	\$ 45.00	45%
Publications	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 2,070.10	61%
Advancement	\$ 100.00		0%
Ministry & Nurture	\$ 200.00		0%
Clerk's Fund	\$ 500.00		0%
FWCC Travel*	\$ 1,240.00	\$ 1,240.00	100%
Youth Activity Fund*	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,700.00	100%
High School Youth Fund*	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00	100%
Spiritual Formation*	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	100%
Consultation Fund*	\$ -		
Ministry Scholarship Fund*	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	100%
FGC	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	100%
FGC - Special Program	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	100%
Records project	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	100%
Friends School in Detroit	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	100%
Olney Friends School	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	100%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 29,415.00</b>	<b>\$ 24,858.70</b>	

\* subsidy from General Fund

In-Kind (Travel)	\$ 2,862.42
In-Kind (Teens)	\$ 26.01
In-Kind (Office)	\$ 41.48
In-Kind (Children's Retreat)	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,929.91</b>

Funds Total	\$ 41,074.34
CD Total	\$ 21,239.77
Checking Total	\$ 19,834.57

## 2010 Annual Meeting Breakdown of Costs

COMPILED BY VANESSA FUSON

**INCOME**

Cash @LEYM	\$315.55
Checks @LEYM	\$15,453.75
Checks late	\$13.95
Check refunds	<u>-\$250.75</u>
Total Income	\$15,532.50

**REGISTRATION EXPENSES**

Lodging	\$7,140.00
Meals	\$6,883.10
Registration Fees	<u>\$5,181.00</u>
Total Fees	\$19,204.10
Scholarships	
first timer	-\$1,341.74
service	-\$2,122.50
need-based	-\$323.00
Total Scholarships	-\$3,787.24
Adjustments	\$8.05
Donations	<u>\$107.59</u>
Total Registration	\$15,532.50



## Highlights of Committee Reports

Young Friends in the **High School Youth Retreat** met at Olney Friends School in Barnesville March 25–28. They were greeted Friday evening by a gymnastics performance held by Olney. On Saturday a workshop focusing on peace was held with much thanks to Scilla Wahrhaftig from Pittsburgh. Half of the day focused on different forms of violence and on how non-violence differs in our community, the other half on social and institutional violence. A film on solitary confinement in American jails led the teens to think of ways they could make the public more aware of the social injustices.

On Sunday the young Friends attended Stillwater Meeting and later moved gravel and assembled play sets at a local daycare center. They were grateful for this opportunity to meet and visit with one another. They seek support from meetings to transport young friends to these retreats and to serve as FAPs (Friendly Adult Presences).

**Youth & Children's Program** needs:

- ♦ an early elementary assistant to work with Conleth
- ♦ a High School leader
- ♦ someone for infants and toddlers
- ♦ people to chaperone children to swimming/bowling/recycling
- ♦ drivers.

**The Nominating Committee** reports a need for Friends who feel led to serve on Earthcare, Peace, Publications & Archives, Adult & Family Program, teachers for the Youth & Children's program and especially the High School Teen Retreat Program. They also need representatives to AFSC and FCNL. They remind us that we are all *ex officio* on the Nominating Committee.

**Advancement & Outreach** continues a process of visiting our meetings in an effort to knit us together more closely in God's love. They also continue double checking information on meetings' websites and find that meetings are doing a better job of keeping their information up-to-date now than they did in the past. They strongly encourage meetings to have their own websites and suggest consulting *Is Your Quaker Meeting Thinking of Setting Up a Website?* through [http://www.fgcquaker.org/files/LEYM\\_SettingUpAWebsite\\_Mar07.pdf](http://www.fgcquaker.org/files/LEYM_SettingUpAWebsite_Mar07.pdf)

They encourage all meetings to use the *Quaker Quest* program and the *Inreach-Outreach Ideas and Queries*, both available from FGC.

**Ministry & Nurture** humbly suggest increasing the amount of worship or spiritually deepening programming, and shortening or conducting business in a way that is more about worship to encourage attendance and participation from newcomers to LEYM annual meeting.

**The Ad Hoc Committee on Queries and Advices** reports that the responses to their first draft have been positive, with a number of suggested edits of details and additional suggestions. In general, Friends liked the range of categories (rather than a set of 12). The quotation intended to focus the mind on each category and the mix of advices and queries has also received positive comments; some have used the quotations as advices.

The revised set of queries will probably be addressed more to "I" and "we" rather than to "you," which to some has seemed proscriptive.

They will attempt to have the revision ready to present to the LEYM Annual Meeting in July.

## Wanted—A Few Good Friends

**Needed: Friends to volunteer** in the areas of Infants and Toddlers, Early Elementary High School (Free registration, room & board at Yearly Meeting in return for this service.) Other opportunities to serve the Yearly Meeting in the coming year are: Yearly Meeting Assistant Clerk, Earthcare Committee, High School Retreat Program, Ministry

and Nurture Committee, Peace Committee, Publications and Archives Committee, Adult & Family Program, and Representatives to AFSC, FCNL, FGC. Any wishing to serve, or having ideas of whom we might tap, please contact anyone on the Nominating Committee or Thomas Taylor, clerk, at [734 995 6803](tel:734-995-6803), [tftaylor@tds.net](mailto:tftaylor@tds.net)



# FWCC Annual Meeting

FWCC Annual Meeting, held this year in Philadelphia, was a time of celebration, undergirded by the living spirit as experienced in a gathering of Friends from many traditions, all across the Quaker spectrum. Friends in Philadelphia were treated to the experience of many types of worship in the historical meetinghouse formerly known as Race Street. Friends from many parts of our Section were also awed by the myriad of activities that are a part of Quakerism in the home of William Penn's Holy Experiment. Some, of course, were visiting Friends Center for the first time. Our opening minute asked us to ". . . pray that God's redemptive power will move among us to help discern the right way forward and to help us find a shared awareness of the place to which the Spirit has led us. We ask that the eternal presence of Christ strengthen us as we worship, hear reports, and enter into deliberations."

We joyfully welcomed affiliation with the *Iglesia Evangélica Unión Boliviano Amigos* [Bolivian Evangelical Friends Church], minuting this new affiliation with great enthusiasm. In the same spirit, we minuted our desire to hold an Annual Meeting (which may from now on be referred to as a Section Meeting) within Latin America in the near future.

We expressed our great appreciation for the long and fruitful service of Executive Secretary Margaret Fraser, which ends soon. After the close of our sessions, we were able to report that Robin Mohr, of San Francisco, CA, Pacific Yearly Meeting, will be our new Executive Secretary. We look forward to Robin's leadership.

We also expressed our appreciation for the long and faithful service of Loida Fernandez as the clerk of the Committee of Latin American Friends. Loida will be missed.

Plans were announced for a Quaker Youth Pilgrimage to be held in the Netherlands and in the 1652 country of England in 2012. Potential pilgrims and leaders will want to check the website (<http://fwccamericas.org/>) regularly for more news and application forms. Leaders, especially, will be needed.

The new clerk of the Section is Jane Snyder of Myrtle Point, OR, North Pacific Yearly Meeting. We welcome Jane to this service.

We felt the excitement as the Sixth World Conference of Friends, to be held in Nakuru, Kenya, in April of 2012, approaches. You will recall that the LEYM representatives will be Jerry Knutson of Pittsburgh, Jana Norlin of Grand Rapids, and Robb Yurisko of North Columbus. Others from the Yearly Meeting may be attending also. We know you will wish them well and share with them your hopes for the World Conference, a gathering of about 1000 Friends from all over the world that happens only once in a generation. Past conferences have proved to be life-changing experiences for those who attended.

The 2012 Section Meeting will be convened in Kenya and in this way we will have the full participation of those Latin American Friends who will be there.

Mike Hinshaw

For the LEYM Representatives to FWCC



## Friends World Committee for Consultation

### General Secretary Position

FWCC seeks a Friend to serve as its General Secretary. This Friend works in partnership with the Central Executive Committee and the four geographical Sections of FWCC to carry forward FWCC's mission: Answering God's call to universal love. FWCC brings Friends of varying traditions and cultural experiences together in worship, communications, and consultation, to express our common heritage and our Quaker message to the world.

The four primary areas of work are: connections and communications among Friends, Quaker United Nations work, ecumenical work through Christian world communions, and office administration. The position entails extensive international travel, speaking to Friends groups of all sizes, networking, and a great deal of written communication.

Deadline for application is November 1, 2011. Appointment will be made at the Sixth World Conference of Friends in Nairobi in April, 2012 and work will begin in London, England on July 1, 2012 as General Secretary Designate.

Application is by letter, using a "person specification" as the basis for addressing each item in the list of specifications to state how she/he fits the requirements of the position. The result will likely be a long letter with headings for each item of the "person specification." This document listing 25 areas of competency or experience is available from Thomas Taylor ([tftaylor@tds.net](mailto:tftaylor@tds.net)), member of the General Secretary Search Committee, or on the FWCC website [www.fwccworld.org](http://www.fwccworld.org).

In addition, we ask each applicant to provide the names of three references. The information should include how that person knows the applicant, and that person's telephone and email contact information, as well as postal address.

We also ask each applicant to provide a resume/CV of education, work history and Quaker activities and volunteer history. Lists of academic or professional publications and presentations, unless germane to this position, are not necessary.

Please send this information as email attachments to one email, each with your last name as part of the filename, to [recruitment@friendsworldoffice.org](mailto:recruitment@friendsworldoffice.org). The deadline is November 1, 2011, which will be strictly observed.

Nancy Irving, current General Secretary, is available to field your questions at [nancyi@friendsworldoffice.org](mailto:nancyi@friendsworldoffice.org).

# **Lake Erie Yearly Meeting Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) HIGH SCHOOL TEEN RETREAT PROGRAM COORDINATOR**

***Lake Erie Yearly Meeting (LEYM) seeks a High School Teen Retreat Program Coordinator.*** In order to nurture the spiritual life of high school Friends throughout LEYM, the Yearly Meeting seeks to provide a series of four weekend retreats a year, independent of Annual Meeting. The Program Coordinator plans, coordinates, and evaluates these retreats, with the support of the High School Teen Retreat Program Committee. The scheduling of retreats is flexible.

The Coordinator serves as a contractual worker of LEYM with a flat fee of \$1100 per retreat. LEYM provides an additional \$500 per year towards the expenses of the retreats, with the other expenses to be provided by registration fees and fund raising.

Qualities desired in a High School Teen Retreat Program Coordinator include:

- Experience with and enthusiasm for working with young people in grades 9 through 12
- Experience with Friends' practice
- Commitment to Friends' values and testimonies
- Ability to provide leadership and motivation
- Organizational and money management skills
- Ability to communicate with high school aged youth, parents, and the broader YM community
- Ability to work collaboratively with the High School Teen Retreat Program Committee

***Please reply to Merry Stanford, LEYM Assistant Clerk, regarding your interest by June 1, 2011 at [merry.stanford@comcast.net](mailto:merry.stanford@comcast.net)***

Please submit a resume that describes experiences that you believe will allow you to perform these duties, and include two references with contact information. The resume or cover letter should also describe your experience with and knowledge of Quaker faith and practice, and elaborate on the kinds of experience you have had working with young people.

The responsibilities of the Coordinator as defined by the current LEYM Policies and Procedures (<http://leym.quaker.org>) are:

In order to nurture the spiritual life of high school youth throughout the Yearly Meeting, the coordinator shall:

- (1) In consultation with the High School Teen Retreat Program Committee, plan, coordinate, and evaluate up to four teen retreats per year, independent of the Annual Meeting, that are scattered geographically throughout the Yearly Meeting to maximize participation of youth throughout the region.
  - (a) The retreats are to be both fun and spiritually nourishing for the youth.
  - (b) The retreats are an opportunity for youth to develop leadership skills by fully participating in the selection of themes, workshops, and workshop presenters.
  - (c) The retreats should seek to utilize individuals throughout the Yearly Meeting who can offer Quaker-related workshops on various topics of religious education.
  - (d) One of these four retreats has historically been "The Quake that Rocked the Midwest," held over Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend at the Evanston, Illinois, meeting house in partnership with other Midwestern yearly meetings.
- (2) Build and maintain relationships with other youth workers within Lake Erie Yearly Meeting, other yearly meetings, and Friends General Conference.
- (3) Maintain an updated database of eligible youth for the High School Teen Retreat Program.
- (4) Send eligible LEYM youth timely information about upcoming LEYM and national Quaker youth opportunities and events.
- (5) Convey information about all events to the LEYM webmaster on a timely basis.
- (6) Submit all bills and receipts to the Yearly Meeting treasurer in a timely manner and submit a complete financial report annually.

# Quaker Earthcare Witness Steering Committee Meeting Report

April 7-10, 2011

**Priorities:** Resetting the organization's priorities and focussing on them was the main order of business at this year's steering committee meeting. The six priorities focussed on for the 2011-2012 year are:

1. Provide spiritual support to those engaged in transforming our relationship to Earth.
2. Promote Quaker Earthcare Witness [QEW] and its witness.
3. Engage with younger Friends.
4. Develop collaborative and complimentary activities with at least two other Friends' organizations.
5. Follow priority-setting procedures.
6. Provide a Quaker voice for Earthcare outside of the Quaker Community.

**1. Providing spiritual support and grounding** to all Friends who try to reduce overuse of the Earth's resources, live simply and walk lightly on the Earth when and where possible is priority number one. QEW wishes to provide a clearer message and sense of outreach based on our spiritual discernment.

**2. Increasing QEW's outreach** to more yearly and monthly meetings and Friends churches via QEW's ambassadors and publications. The focus of this priority is raising the awareness of more Friends and non-Friends to QEW's vision and witness, thus persuading more people to care for Earth and support QEW financially.

**3. Engaging with younger Friends** means increasing communication and face-to-face contact with youth and young adult Friends. It requires listening to and supporting their environmental concerns and providing service opportunities.

**4. QEW now has a collaborative, complementary relationship** with FCNL's energy and environmental legislative advocate. It would also like to develop such a relationship with one or more Friends' organizations such as FWCC, Quaker Institute for the Future [QIF], FWCC, AFSC, FGC, and the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting's Environmental Working Group. There also are one or two non-Friends' organizations with which QEW might establish such a relationship.

**5. Following priority-setting procedures** means evaluating QEW's work on its priorities and improving and correcting what was not done as well as could have been and amplifying that which was done well. This priority involves developing contacts and communications with faith and secular organizations outside the Quaker community and providing spiritual support for and collaboration with them in Earth regenerative activities and work to enable Earth's communities to become sustainable and resilient.

**Funding: Income from contributions** so far this year compares well with previous years. Expenses have gone up. David Ciscel, the outgoing treasurer, reported that 85 percent of QEW's income comes from 15 percent of its contributors. Income is not enough to support staff and all the projects QEW would like to accomplish. Jack Bradin, a representative from SEYM, has agreed to work on development of more financial support. He will be reaching out to monthly and yearly meetings. Contributions to specific projects in which meetings or individuals have particular interest are possible. Financial reports will be published in *BeFriending Creation*.

**New Zealand:** New Zealand Yearly Meeting asked to become a member of QEW. Since the bylaws of the organization originally limited membership to meetings in North and Central America and the Caribbean area, the bylaws needed to be amended to permit New Zealand Meeting to join. That change was approved pending final approval by all members at the annual meeting in October.

**QEW-FCNL Working Group:** Within QEW there has been a growing interest in food production, food safety and inspection and food distribution. Since the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress has begun work on the 2012 farm bill, the working group supported developing an advocacy plan and lobby day on selected food issues that are likely to be included in the 2012 Farm Bill. The recent House budget bill called for defunding the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), Farm to Schools and Institutions, food to underserved areas and senior fresh programs. To insure food safety, more funding is needed to employ more inspectors at food processing plants and points of entry. Country of Origin labeling is also a safety issue. The Conservation Stewardship Program [CSP], which helps farmers preserve the fertility and productivity of working land that produces good food, needs continued funding also.

The group supported Al Connor (LEYM) and John and Toni Hudson (Baltimore YM) meeting with Marcia Cleveland, FCNL's energy and environmental advocate, in June to plan a Farm Bill lobby day. They will try to meet with staff of the National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition [NASC] for consultation re: talking points and how to approach legislators.

**The theme of QEW's annual meeting** in October will be, "Food and Biodiversity."

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**Sustainability Faith and Action Working Group:** This group continues its work on carbon foot print reduction and population stabilization. Louis Cox, the publications coordinator, has consolidated all QEW's population pamphlets into one 32 page booklet. Small quantities of it will be available on the QEW website. A population video may be produced and made available on U-Tube or Facebook.

Tom Small (LEYM) and Dick Grossman (Intermountain YM) are to discuss ways of pursuing biodiversity of species in preparation for the annual meeting.

Developing a fund to make loans or grants to Friends meetings to make their facilities more efficient was discussed. Savings from energy efficiency and/or renewable energy could be returned to the fund to be used again for such projects. John Fletcher, Convenor (S. Central YM); Ken Lawrence (Iowa Cons YM); John Hackman (Illinois YM); and Louis Cox (New England YM) will explore ways to move this project forward. (See Mini Grants.)

**United Nations Working Group:** The UN Working Group has compiled reports from Friends attending UN meetings plus summaries of news from the UN. They are posted on line at <http://gewnet.ning.com/profiles/blogs/un-threads-in-gewnet-forum>. Mary Gilbert's reports from the UN over the years have been compiled and are posted at <http://gewnet.ning.com/forum/topics/mary-gilberts-writings>.

Reports from two Bolivian Friends who attended the Cochabamba Climate Change Peoples Summit in April, 2010 and a report from an Australian Friend who attended the DPI/NGO meeting in Melbourne in September 2010 have been published in the Sept-Oct and Nov-Dec 2010 issues of *BeFriending Creation* respectively. Mary's report on the Cancun, Mexico climate summit was in the Jan-Feb 2011 issue. The report of two Kenyan Friends who attended a meeting of the UN Environmental Program (UNEP) is forthcoming.

Mary will be attending a meeting of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) in May and the World Summit on CSD at Rio de Janeiro in June 2012. She has been joined at the UN by Emily Higgs, a young Friend who has interned at QUNO. Lindsey Cook, a U.S. Friend who lives in Bonn, will attend the UN Department of Public Information/NGOs to be held in Bonn. Mary will attend a gathering of Friends who interact with UN in Geneva and the Rio+20 summit in Rio De Janeiro. Judy Lumb will attend the COP-17 in Durban in December.

The working group sent a letter to the U.S. State Department thanking it for approving the UN Declaration of the Right of Indigenous People. The Canadian Friends Service Committee's Jennifer Preston was deeply involved. The Declaration requires "free, prior and informed consent" of local communities threatened by environmental impact before activities are undertaken.

Anne Mitchell, QEW's new General Secretary, attended the 6<sup>th</sup> Summit of World Religions in Winnipeg, June 2010 and David Millar of Montreal Friends Meeting gave a presentation in French at the World Forum on Theology and Liberation that was part of the World Social Forum held in France in 2010.

**Finca La Bella:** *Finca La Bella* farms are still operating but there is some questions regarding the group's legal status. Lawyers working for the Monteverde Institute (MVI) and *parceleros* association are working to get that situation cleared. QEW has agreed to pay the lawyers' fees. MVI and the *parceleros* association are working with an organization that has helped set up Costa Rican land trusts with conservation easements. The *Finca La Bella* Work Group is looking into holding a work camp there for younger people. The University of Georgia has a campus near *Finca La Bella*. It has sponsored a *Finca La Bella* website: <http://finclabella.org>. *Finca La Bella* also has a page on the QEW website: [www.quakerearthcare.org/AboutQEW/QEWProjects/FincaLaBella/Finca-laBella.html](http://www.quakerearthcare.org/AboutQEW/QEWProjects/FincaLaBella/Finca-laBella.html).

**Minutes on North Africa and Japan:** QEW approved a minute on North Africa supporting efforts by the UN to reach solutions to the conflicts there that satisfy all parties in the region. To be effective any solution will have to address social justice, including access for all to resources necessary for sustenance of life. "We will continue to witness against the destruction of communities and the depletion of resources and species on the planet caused by war."

QEW expressed its concern for those people in Japan who are suffering from a natural and man-made catastrophe. Many will suffer for years to come. The organization opposes the construction of new nuclear fission power plants anywhere on Earth for practical and economic reasons. A number of scientific studies dispute the claim that fission powered plants are carbon free. Radioactive releases during routine operations do pose significant public health and environmental risks. Proponents of nuclear fission and the current economic model of ever expanding production and economic growth, do not acknowledge that on a finite planet, growth inevitably must end. We encourage governments and NGOs to give priority to public education about the hazards of the entire nuclear fuel cycle from uranium extraction to electric power production.

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## Calendar

**LAKE ERIE YEARLY MEETING**

- JUNE 30  
**DUE DATE FOR STATE OF THE MEETING REPORTS**
- JULY 7  
**ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN**
- JULY 14  
**DUE DATE FOR STATISTICAL REPORTS**
- JULY 28-31  
**ANNUAL MEETING**  
BLUFFTON UNIVERSITY, BLUFFTON, OHIO:  
MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS WILL BE HELD IN MORNING AND AFTERNOON SESSIONS. WOVEN THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND ARE A PLANNED PROGRAM FOR ALL AGES, BIBLE STUDY, ADULT YOUNG FRIENDS' ACTIVITIES, WORKSHOPS, A BOOK STORE, WORSHIP SHARING, RELAXATION, INTROSPECTION, FELLOWSHIP, CONVERSATION, AND FUN.
- AUGUST 15  
**DEADLINE FOR FALL BULLETIN**
- AUGUST 28  
**DUE DATE FOR ANNUAL RECORDS 2011**

**GREEN PASTURES QUARTERLY MEETING**

- SATURDAY, MAY 21, 9 AM TO 4 PM  
**GPQM SPRING QUARTERLY**  
AT MICHIGAN FRIENDS CENTER

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**FRIENDS GENERAL CONFERENCE**

- JULY 3-9  
**MEETING AT THE CENTER**  
2011 GATHERING OF FRIENDS  
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## Spring 2011 Bulletin



ED NOTE: In my message reminding contributors that the deadline for this edition was near, I quoted T. S. Eliot's *Wasteland*:

"Hurry up, please, it's time."

One returned, with particular grace, the benediction from the same poem and a few additional lines of his own.

"These fragments I have shored against my ruins.

.....

*Shantih shantih shantih.*"

These fragments and the *shantih*,  
peace beyond understanding,  
are found in the silence  
of Quaker Worship.

—BRAD COTTON (CIRCLEVILLE)