



God Matters

Clerk's Message, by Peggy Daub

Advices

Meetings can consciously cultivate fellowship and community. The Meeting is enriched when all members and attenders participate actively. The working of the Spirit in our lives is expressed through ministry, pastoral caring for each other, and the example provided by lives lived in the Light. As we worship, work, and laugh together, we forge bonds of trust, understanding, and communication.

Voices

The Society of Friends can make its greatest contribution to community by continuing to be a religious society—I mean, by centering on the practice of a corporate worship which opens itself to continuing revelation. Again, community is simply too difficult to be sustained by our social impulses. It can be sustained only as we return time and again to the religious experience of the unity of all life.

Parker J. Palmer, 1977

[Excerpts from the proposed revision of Baltimore Yearly Meeting's Faith & Practice]

After being among Friends at Lake Erie Yearly Meeting's annual sessions this year I find myself refreshed and renewed by spiritual fellowship and by finding there a shared commitment to living our lives within a spiritual framework. The theme of this year's gathering, "Mindful Consumption as Spiritual Practice," and Sally Weaver Sommer's plenary address on how she has strived for this ideal in her own life underline the point that one of our most deeply held convictions is that we strive to live with our beliefs and our actions in unity.



From the time I was a child I puzzled over the Third Commandment, which bids us not to take the name of God in vain. As I remember it, my church and friends tried to obey this commandment conscientiously by not using swear words that referred to God. I had trouble, however, coming to terms with placing word usage on a par with murder and adultery. Several years ago during Meeting for Worship I meditated on this same puzzle and it came to me that what this commandment means for me is simply this: live your life as though God matters. By trying to align my actions and choices to my spiritual beliefs, I am not taking the name of God in vain, and I am uplifting Spirit as a central focal point

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of my life. Whether mindful consumption or other spiritual practices, actions based on beliefs create an integrated life.

Living a life of integrity (a life in which God matters) is core to our identity within the Religious Society of Friends. I believe many other people in our communities are also searching for a group that would support them in living in this manner. Yet data gathered by Mathilda Navias, in her role as Database Manager for our yearly meeting, shows that over the last several years the recorded membership of our individual monthly meetings, along with attendance there and at worship groups, has declined.

The Yearly Meeting wishes to provide information and support that could help all of our meetings make themselves known to those in their own communities who are seeking a Friendly spiritual foundation. First, we are supporting an event on October 15 in Oberlin at which staff from the Friends General Conference program on Quaker Quest will share essential elements of this outreach program which began with Britain

Yearly Meeting. (All meetings and worship groups are invited to send two participants to this event. Registration forms are at the LEYM website.) Second, I have asked our yearly meeting's committees on Advancement & Outreach and on Ministry & Nurture to gather with the Executive Committee (all officers and committee clerks) in November to consider additional ways in which we might better support our constituent meetings. I expect that direct input from the meetings and worship groups will be essential to this goal.

On a personal note, I want to thank Merry Stanford, who has now finished her four-year term of rotation as Clerk and Assistant Clerk, for the many ways in which she has helped Lake Erie Yearly Meeting. Her careful attention to the health and development of the Yearly Meeting and for continuing to carry a concern for the youth in our meetings planted seeds that will continue to grow among us.

I look forward to this year's journey with all of you, and pray that individually and in our worship communities we will pay attention to matters of God while we live as though God matters.

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Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting Fall Agenda

Saturday September 17, 2011 at Friends School
in Detroit; 1100 St. Aubin Street, Detroit, MI

9:00AM Registration and refreshment time.

10:00AM Worship

10:30AM AFSC report "Criminal Justice"

—Natalie Holbrook

11:30AM FSD Report — Edwin Harris

12:30PM Lunch provided by Julia Breidenstein

[\$5 donation each]

2:00PM Resume Business with Roll Call

Reports:

Naming Committee

Nominating Committee

Treasurer

Michigan Friends Center

Friends Lake Community Center

3:30PM Closing Worship (until 4:00PM)

Kyo Takahashi, Clerk

Annual Meeting 2011: Highlights of the Minutes

48th Annual Sessions, July 28–31, Bluffton University

The complete minutes and committee reports are scheduled to appear in *Annual Records, 2011*.

Our sessions opened with silent worship and out of the silence epistles were read.

Thursday Evening Session

The assistant clerk, Merry Stanford (Red Cedar), read the epistle from Great Plains Yearly Meeting. Presiding Clerk Peggy Daub (Ann Arbor) drew attention to the guidelines for meeting for worship with attention to business.

A roll call, as corrected against registrations, showed 139 in attendance.

Epistle Committee: The clerk explained the nature of a yearly meeting epistle and asked for volunteers to help the assistant clerk write this year's epistle. Paula Deming (North Columbus) and Scot Miller (Grand Rapids) volunteered to serve.

Memorials: Our Clerk invited Friends into worship, and to share out of the silence the names of Friends who have died: Carolyn Diem, Ann Arbor; Wallace Cayard, Pittsburgh; Dorothy Bowers and Lucile Patrick, Kalamazoo; Jack Brown and Bob Smith, Oberlin. Later in the same session the name of Larry Arnold, an attender at Granville Monthly Meeting, was added.



Don Nagler

Naming Committee: Don Nagler (Pine River) reported that Thomas Taylor (Ann Arbor) and Mathilda Navias (Broadmead) were led to be renominated to the Nominating Committee, with Thomas Taylor serving as clerk.

Friends approved these appointments.

The session concluded with a period of worship.

Friday Morning Session

Out of our opening worship we heard the epistle from the 2011 mid-winter gathering of the Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, & Queer Concerns.



Thomas Taylor

Ad Hoc Committee on Advices & Queries: Thomas Taylor reported on the history of the activities of the committee and on the changes (mostly in wording and pronoun use) to the first draft of the Advices & Queries made after considering the responses of eighteen monthly meetings and several individual Friends. Thomas said that that the exercise of considering these advices and queries has clearly been stimulating to many Friends. An interest group was formed to consider further input and report at the Saturday business session.

Ad Hoc Committee on Policies & Procedures: Jeff Cooper (Ann Arbor) outlined the history of the revision process and the goals of the committee. The committee looked at recent Yearly Meeting decisions, facilitating access to information, how the Yearly Meeting conducts business, and using clearer, more direct language.



Jeff Cooper

Suggestions and responses from monthly meetings have been incorporated into the final draft.

Jeff outlined the way for the Recording Clerk and the Presiding Clerk to keep the Policies & Procedures document up to date. This document is available on the Yearly Meeting website for Friends to download and print.

The revised document was approved.

Friday Afternoon Session

Out of our opening worship we heard the epistle from the 2010 Ramallah Friends Meeting Consultation celebrating the 100th anniversary of the dedication of Ramallah Friends meeting house. The consultation and worship were filled with people

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from local communities as well as attenders from five other countries. The painful realities of life under the occupation, both to Palestinians and Israelis, led members to seek ways to avoid being complicit in the oppression of the people most affected, but to challenge that oppression; and, like John Woolman, to stand in solidarity with the oppressed.

Nominating Committee: Thomas Taylor presented a preliminary report identifying needs that Friends needed to consider. Presiding Clerk Peggy Daub encouraged Friends who find themselves so led to step forward to fill the vacant positions.

Concern was expressed about the deep need for support for our youth and children's programs. Friends were asked to discern what willingness we as adult Friends might have to serve on the Youth & Children's Program, even if part-time.



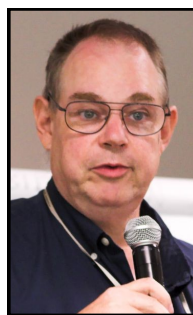
Marvin Barnes

Friends General Conference: Marvin Barnes (Birmingham) emphasized in his report that LEYM is extensively represented in FGC activities. FGC is looking at ways to maintain its financial stability. Increasing use is being made of the internet to maintain contact with distant Friends. The publications program has been under scrutiny.

Bruce Birchard is retiring after 19 years; Barry Crossno will replace him as General Secretary. After long consideration and two lawsuits, the Executive Committee has laid down its opposition to Federal requirements for disclosure of employee eligibility (Form I-9).

The next gathering will be in Kingston, Rhode Island. The theme will be "All God's Critters Got a Place in the Choir."

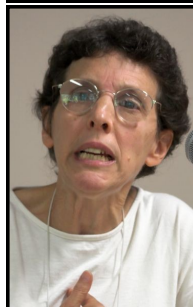
Treasurer's Report: Eric Starbuck (Pittsburgh) presented a written report for the last fiscal year



Eric Starbuck

showing contributions from meetings totaling \$26,754.50. The Yearly Meeting spent 88% of budgeted funds, and no committee went over budget.

Monongalia Friends Meeting contributed more than their assessment this year as they depart for membership in Baltimore Yearly Meeting.



Sally Weaver Sommer

Finance Committee: Sally Weaver Sommer (Broadmead) presented a detailed preliminary budget for the next fiscal year. The Yearly Meeting is in a solid financial position. Sally discussed a number of changes proposed to the budget. A final budget proposal was promised for a later session.

Saturday Morning Session

Out of our centering worship we heard the epistle from the 2011 Annual Sessions of Australia Yearly Meeting.

Clerk's Report: The clerk reported that Representative Meeting will be on March 31, 2012, in Perrysburg, Ohio. She outlined plans for evolving the LEYM website, making it more accessible for Friends responsible for updating the site's content.

She noted that our Yearly Meeting membership has decreased, a trend that need to be addressed, perhaps in a consultation of several Yearly Meeting committees in the fall of 2011.



Nancy Taylor

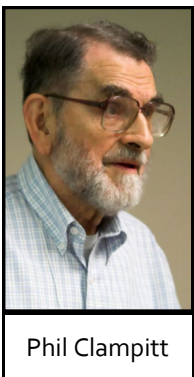
Peace Committee: Nancy Taylor (Ann Arbor) presented a report. The number of people participating in committee activities has increased to about a dozen. A listserve will be developed to make Yearly Meeting peace activities easily accessible on the internet.

A minute from the Ann Arbor Meeting suggested that Yearly

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Meeting members consider boycotting products made in Israeli settlements.

Based on a concern expressed in the Pittsburgh Meeting, the committee proposed a minute condemning the various torture methods tacitly supported by the US government. Discussion led to suggestions for changes in the committee proposal, which were to be edited and brought to a later session.



Phil Clampitt

Earthcare Committee: Phil Clampitt (Birmingham) reported on activities of the Earthcare Committee members over the past year. The Earthcare Committee has suggestions regarding proposed legislation, one asking that Friends endorse a bill to eliminate tax subsidies to oil companies.

The report included three queries:

- What grieving and acceptance may be necessary for us to go on in faith and vitality?
- How can we support each other through the likelihood of increasingly difficult climate change struggles?
- How might we better increase our resilience as we face an uncertain and difficult future?

Ad Hoc Committee on Advices & Queries:

Thomas Taylor reported on the discussion that had arisen in the Advices & Queries interest group and then opened the revised document to discussion. The hard and productive work that had gone into it were acknowledged.

Concerns about the document were voiced, some feeling that more attention should be given to earthcare concerns. The sense of the meeting was that the document needs further work and that the Clerk will re-formulate the Ad Hoc committee, ensuring that earthcare concerns are represented.

Its mission will be to continue the work of developing the Advices & Queries.



Kyo Takahashi

Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting [GPQM]: Kyo Takahashi (Pine River), reported for GPQM clerk Dianne Guenin-Lelle (Red Cedar) on activities for the past year. The report speaks of Ann Arbor American Friends Service Committee activities regarding the criminal justice system.

A full report on Friends School in Detroit was also included.

Saturday Afternoon Session

Out of the silence of our opening worship we heard the 2011 epistle from Junior Young Friends, Intermountain Yearly Meeting, describing their learning about balance, teamwork, trust, and racism.



Ellen Barnes

Ministry & Nurture: Ellen Barnes (Birmingham) submitted a written report commenting on the State of the Meeting Reports, the LEYM Spiritual Formation Program [SFP], and the Ministry & Nurture [M&N] scholarship. Ellen said that the thirteen State of the Meeting Reports submitted this year showed a sense of vitality.

Richard Lee (Red Cedar) will conduct the SFP retreats for the coming year on the theme "Healing in the Manner of Friends."

Jerry Knutson (Pittsburgh), who is attending the Earlham School of Religion, was awarded the M&N scholarship. He has facilitated several workshops in the past year and will continue to travel in the ministry, leading workshops.

Responding to data indicating declining membership in our monthly meetings, the LEYM query for 2011 will read:

- Given the spiritual and physical state of our meeting, what are our reflections on these data?
- What does a spirit-led meeting look like?
- What hinders us from following the Spirit?
- What is the Spirit leading us to do?

Advancement & Outreach: Mike Hinshaw



Mike Hinshaw

(Wooster) submitted a written report and summarized the committee's work of continuing to connect with many of the 32 meeting units that constitute our Yearly Meeting, particularly the small meetings and those that have oversight of worship groups. Planning for the fall consultation has begun. [Editor's note: see the Quaker Quest announcement on page 16 of this *Bulletin*.]

The Naming Committee named Micah Sommer (Broadmead) to fill a vacant spot on the Nominating Committee

High School Teen Retreat Program Coordinator:

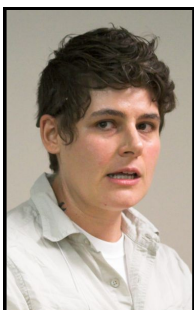
Merry Stanford reported that program coordinator Cari Burke (Manitou Worship Group) has been accepted into a doctoral program at the University of Arkansas and is leaving this summer to begin her sojourn there.

Robb Yurisko (North Columbus) was approved as the next coordinator of the LEYM Teen Retreat Program.

Friends approved with enthusiasm a minute of joyous gratitude for Cari's service among us.

Youth & Children Program: Nancy Nagler (Pine River) reported for Olwen Pritchard (Broadmead) that twenty-one young people attended these annual sessions. Appreciation was expressed for the many volunteers who have helped with the swimming outings and for the program staff.

American Friends Service Committee:

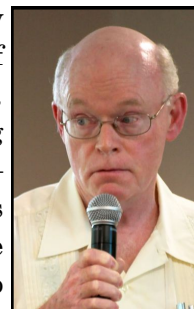


Natalie Holbrook

Natalie Holbrook of the AFSC Michigan office reported on the Michigan Criminal Justice Program, a prisoner rights and advocacy program. She said the program typically gets 60 calls per month and has as many as 4000 contacts a year with prisoners. Prisoner complaints center around living conditions, classification issues, and physical and mental health concerns.

Peace Committee: Michael Kelly

(Detroit) brought back a revision of the minute proposed earlier, condemning torture—including prolonged solitary confinement—within the United States and areas where the US has domain. The minute also asks LEYM member meetings to inform themselves on the matter of torture and to discern how they are led to respond.



Michael Kelly

Friends World Committee for Consultation [FWCC]:

Rosemary Coffey (Pittsburgh) reported that Robin Mohr is the new executive secretary of FWCC.

Excitement builds for next year's world conference in Kenya. The next Quaker Youth Pilgrimage is also scheduled for 2012.



Rosemary Coffey

Sunday Morning Session

The session opened with a brief period of open worship.

Finance Committee: Sally Weaver Sommer made the final budget presentation. In support of travel to the FWCC 6th World Conference of Friends the Yearly Meeting will send a \$1200 contribution to the FWCC Section of the Americas for appropriate distribution.

The LEYM total budget comes to \$30,440. This raises the per person assessment to \$40.

Nominating Committee: Thomas Taylor presented a final written report showing officers and committee assignments. Names of the members of the Nominating Committee were given for appreciation.

Friends are asked to search their hearts to see if they may be called to service as Presiding Clerk or Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting next year.

Minutes of Appreciation were extended to Bluffton University, to the Arrangements & Site and Programs committees, and to Peter Wood for his work as temporary recording clerk.

Annual Meeting 2011: Committee Report Highlights

Publications & Archives

Bill Warters, who has been our webmaster for the past six years or so, is ready to pass on the responsibility to someone new. He suggests that we move to a new, free server called wordpress.com, which allows for online editing. Bill is willing to provide guidelines for users on how to do this.

There are some additional services that do have an annual charge. For less than \$50 per year, we could have our own domain name and make sure that there is no commercial advertising on our site.

Rosemary Coffey will be putting the *Annual Records* booklet together this year and Friend Eric Starbuck will help with the mailing.

Finally, a reminder about sending Meeting documents to be archived at Swarthmore College. The Historical Library there would love to have your newsletters, minutes, and other memorabilia sent to them **once a year**, in a nice neat little packet. Maybe it could be scheduled at a regular time, such as at the close of the Meeting's fiscal year.

Ministry & Nurture

Spiritual Formation Program

- There were two retreats this year, a full weekend retreat at Weber Center in Adrian, Michigan, in the fall and a one day retreat at Red Cedar Monthly Meeting. The one day retreat format for the spring retreats draws in new participants from the hosting meeting, so this format will be continued.
- Both retreats were led by Patricia Thomas, accompanied by Polly Countryman, both from Wilmington Yearly Meeting. The theme was "Companions Along the Way."
- There were 26 participants at the fall retreat and 21 at the spring one. Evaluations showed very positive results, many speaking of a hunger for the spiritual nourishment they find at the retreats.
- The retreats this upcoming year will be led by Richard Lee of Red Cedar Meeting. The theme will be "Healing in the Manner of Friends." The fall dates will be September 9–11; the spring date will be May 5th.
- Mathilda Navias became clerk of the planning committee this past spring.

Ministry & Nurture Scholarship

Jerry Knutson received the Ministry & Nurture Scholarship this past year in support of his studies towards a Master of Divinity Degree at Earlham School of Religion. The Ministry & Nurture Committee will continue the scholarship during the 2011–2012 academic year.

State of the Meeting Report

Thirteen Monthly Meetings submitted State of the Meeting reports this year. Next year, the meetings that did not submit reports this year will be called to encourage a submission.

The meetings that did submit reports had a sense of vitality within them. Many were engaged with spiritual nurture. A couple of meetings mentioned pastoral care of members coping with special needs.

Query for 2011

The query for 2011 grew from the study of graphs presented in Executive Committee meeting showing a decline in both membership and average attendance at our Monthly Meetings.

The query will share these graphs with the meetings and then pose the following:

- Given the physical and spiritual state of our Meeting, what are our reflections on this information?
- What does a Spirit-led Meeting look and feel like?
- What hinders us from following the spirit?
- What is the Spirit leading us to do?

Friends World Committee for Consultation

Friends World Committee for Consultation has recently welcomed a new Executive Secretary, Robin Mohr of San Francisco Monthly Meeting, replacing Margaret Fraser, who held the position for the past ten years.

Excitement is building for next year's World Conference of Friends in Kenya. The LEYM delegates are Jerry Knutson, Jana Norlin, and Rob Yurisko; Rosemary Coffey and Clémence Ravaçon-Mershon are registered to attend as well. As we get closer to this once-in-a-generation event, all Friends will be invited to take part in the conversation around the theme of "Being Salt and Light . . . in a broken world," as study materials become available.

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The week of October 23, for example, there will be a program in Cincinnati on the theme. Please look for "FWCC" on the web to find details and consider getting a group together from your meeting to attend. In addition to a hoped-for contribution from LEYM, we'd like to ask you to encourage your Monthly Meetings to make a special contribution as well.

The next Quaker Youth Pilgrimage will take place in July and August of 2012. The pilgrimage will gather 28 young Quakers and four leaders together in the United Kingdom and the Netherlands. Now is the time to think of potential pilgrims as well as adults to lead them during the month-long pilgrimage. Encourage them to apply. This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Peace Committee

The Peace Committee offered this minute on torture:

Lake Erie Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends joins with Yearly Meetings around the United States of America and with the Quaker Initiative to End Torture [QUIT] condemning the use of torture by our government including the practice of prolonged solitary confinement.

Remember those in prison as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured as though you yourselves were being tortured.

—Hebrews 13:3 (NSRV)

These words from Scripture, and our years of Quaker commitment to witness prophetically against injustices, remind us of our responsibility to speak out against the continued use of torture in government-sponsored public, private, and secret prisons and detention facilities.

It is with great concern and sadness that we recognize that the use of torture has been tolerated and justified by many people in our country. We are also concerned about the expanded use of solitary confinement. Many people in

prison are kept in isolation 23 hours a day, sometimes for decades. The prolonged use of solitary confinement has been proven to have severe impact on the mental health of those in prison and to impede their eventual reintegration into society.

Our care is not only for the victims of torture in any of its forms but also for the individuals and institutions carrying out these practices.

Lake Erie Yearly Meeting asks its member meetings to inform themselves on this matter and to discern how they are led to respond. Possible contacts for information: Quaker Initiative to end Torture www.quit-torture-now.org and National Religious Campaign Against Torture www.nrcat.org

Treasurer's Report for 2011 Annual Meeting

Eric Starbuck (Pittsburgh)

REGISTRATION

Lodging	\$5,999.00
Meals	\$6,285.50
Registration Fees	<u>\$5,100.00</u>
Total Fees	\$17,384.50

Scholarships

first timer	\$473.42
youth & children	\$1,505.25
program	\$859.00
other	\$229.75
Total Scholarships	\$3,067.42

Donations

\$536.23

Grand Total \$14,853.31

INCOME

Cash	\$421.50
Checks	<u>\$14,431.81</u>
Total Income	\$14,853.31

CASH BOX

Starting Balance	\$0.00
Income	\$421.50
Youth & Children	-\$160.00
Adjustments	<u>\$0.00</u>
Final Balance	\$261.50

7/1/2011 Lake Erie Yearly Meeting Treasurer Report

submitted by Eric Starbuck

GENERAL FUND INCOME

GIVER	AMOUNT
Akron Friends Meeting	-0-
Ann Arbor Friends Meeting	\$4,884.00
Athens Friends Meeting	\$2,550.00
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	-0-
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	-0-
Pine River Friends Meeting	\$592.00
Pittsburgh Friends Meeting	\$5,106.00
Red Cedar Friends Meeting	\$2,592.00
Wooster Friends Meeting	\$444.00
TOTAL	<u>\$26,754.50</u>

FUNDS	Open	Income	YM Subsidy	Expense	Close
General Fund	\$6,816.18	\$26,813.85	-0-	\$25,752.37	\$7,877.66
Granville Youth Fund (CD)	\$6,010.60	\$210.39	-0-	\$210.39	\$6,010.60
Annual Meeting Fund	\$5,984.54	\$15,730.35	-0-	\$18,769.35	\$2,945.54
Youth Activity Fund*	\$9,563.88	\$1,225.00	\$2,700.00	\$2,996.12	\$10,492.76
High School Youth Fund*	\$6,348.95	\$2,720.00	\$1,100.00	\$6,746.23	\$3,422.72
Spiritual Formation*	\$3,825.14	\$3,145.00	\$600.00	\$4,018.62	\$3,551.52
FWCC Travel*	\$4,186.45	-0-	\$1,240.00	\$2,700.00	\$2,726.45
Consultation Fund*	\$3,556.65	-0-	-0-	-0-	\$3,556.65
Ministry Scholarship Fund*	-0-	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	-0-	-0-

***These moneys are held in our checking. We do the accounting. We also subsidize them.**

NOTE: Annual Meeting Fund has \$5000 invested in a CD at Shorebank, so the \$2945.54 balance reflects a -\$2054.46 checking balance and a +\$5000 CD balance.

CDs - Urban Partnership Bank	Open	Income	Expense	Close
Granville Youth 686108009	\$6,010.60	\$210.39	\$210.39	\$6,010.60
General & Youth Activity Funds 4003416	\$7,623.26	\$91.59	-0-	\$7,714.85
General & Annual Meeting Funds 4003424	\$7,459.44	\$88.38	-0-	\$7,547.82
TOTAL	\$21,093.30	\$390.36	\$210.39	\$21,273.27

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GENERAL FUND BUDGETED EXPENSE

ACCOUNT	BUDGET	ACTUAL EXPENSE	Budget %
Travel	\$6,000.00	\$5,948.15	99%
Office	\$200.00	\$10.00	5%
Contract Worker	\$2,075.00	824.12	40%
Finance	\$100.00	\$60.00	60%
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*	-0-		
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%
TOTAL	\$29,415.00	\$25,752.37	

* subsidy from General Fund

In-Kind (Travel)	\$2,862.42
In-Kind (Teens)	\$26.01
In-Kind (Office)	\$41.48
Total	<u>\$2,929.91</u>

Checking Total	\$19,618.45
CD Total	\$21,273.27
Funds Total	\$40,891.72

High School Teen Retreat~SAVE THE DATE!

Cleveland Ohio, Friday October 21—Sunday October 23

Details coming soon!

Greetings Friends,

My name is Robb Yurisko and I am your new High School Teen Retreat Coordinator. I live in Columbus, OH where I am a member of North Columbus Friends Meeting. I am overjoyed to have been given the great blessing of this opportunity to work with our Teens in this capacity, thank you!

I will be sending out a future email with all of the information about our next retreat (mentioned above) to all of the contacts that I have been given as soon as plans become more formalized and a workshop has been secured. I have what I believe to be a really fun weekend in the making.

LEYM teen retreats are open to all High School Aged Teens and those who feel led to be a Friendly Adult Presence. I urge you to search your heart and ask yourself, 'How might I serve this important and vital community of Quaker Teens?' If you are interested in our Retreats and have not been involved before please contact me for more information. If you have been involved, but just want to introduce yourself, I would love to hear from you.

Again, thank you all! I look forward to hearing from you and appreciate your holding this community in the Light.

With excitement and gratitude,

Robb Yurisko

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Lake Erie Yearly Meeting

May we look upon our treasures and the furniture of our houses, and the garments in which we array ourselves, and try whether the seeds of war have any nourishment in these our possessions.

— John Woolman

Loving Greetings To All Friends Everywhere:

Friends from Michigan, Ohio, and Pennsylvania gathered for the 48th annual sessions of Lake Erie Yearly Meeting on July 28 through 31, 2011, at Bluffton University, a Mennonite university in Bluffton, Ohio. It is a special joy to welcome each year the younger and older Friends of the Yearly Meeting. Some Friends, especially those from small meetings, can feel isolated in their home place. Children and their families can feel isolated from the wider Quaker community. At Yearly Meeting, these Friends have a chance to build a broad, multigenerational, and spiritually-grounded community with other Friends.

And so, we hold up the great joy we experience in meeting again this year with these cherished LEYM Friends who encourage and prod us as we learn to live the Quaker way more deeply. This year, we explored the theme, “Mindful Consumption as a Spiritual Practice.” We were moved by each other to new understandings: in Bible study as we considered the story of the manna in the desert and the Sermon on the Mount; in our worship sharing groups as we considered queries regarding our consumption of time, energy, and resources; in the workshops where we explored Friends’ personal experiences in living mindfully; and in our buoyant recreation with our young Friends. In our meetings for worship with attention to business we embraced the blessing of Friends’ diversity of experience. We labored in love with each other to the measure of our light, knowing that only in this way may we be brought into unity by the Spirit of God.

Our plenary speaker, beloved LEYM Friend Sally Weaver Sommer, happily walked us through her life commitment to mindful consumption, shaped in part by her Mennonite upbringing and by a Puerto Rican sojourn during her childhood among very poor people. Two stories from the gospels have been important on her journey: the parable of the lilies of the field in which Jesus invites us to give up worrying; and the story in which Jesus tells his disciples that it is harder for a rich person to be part of the kingdom of God than for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle. The first story comes from the Sermon on the Mount, which for Sally is the most important part of the Bible. She says that Jesus was inviting us to *collectively* seek the kingdom of God *above all else*, and promising that, if we do, *no one in the world will have to worry about their basic needs being met*. The second story simply reminds us that it is hard to be part of the effort of bringing about the kingdom of God if you’ve got a lot of stuff while others don’t have much at all. The implications for us are that we 1) consider the effect of our consumption decisions on ourselves and all of creation; 2) give up an attitude of entitlement; and 3) recognize when we have enough. If we are going to live lightly, carefully and gracefully, we need our loving Quaker meeting to help us resist the human impulses to worry and to desire too much, so that we can accept the invitation to be part of the kingdom of God. We will find our way to greater things by embracing the lesser things to which we are called.

We are lesser in number this year, and note a general declining trend in reported membership by our monthly meetings. We want to understand this, and look forward to the exploration that will begin this fall by our committees. We also note, however, that although we are small in number, the ministry received at these sessions in our meetings for worship and in the plenary talk has been vibrant and uplifting. Several of our monthly meetings also shared in their state of the meeting reports a spiritual sense of deepening vitality as they seek to find spiritual unity and offer pastoral care for Friends among them. Spiritual vitality was evident in the epistles from other Friends as well, which were shared in our sessions. The 2010 epistle from Great

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Plains Yearly Meeting gathered us into the life of God at our first session. The 2010 epistle from Ramallah Friends Meeting Consultation moved us, and encouraged us to personally consider boycott. The 2011 epistle from Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, & Queer Concerns reminded us of our call to radical love and radical inclusion, and changed Friends' hearts. We urge the whole of the Religious Society of Friends to read this epistle.

We send your meetings loving kindness as you endeavor to deepen your understanding of the Quaker way. We pray that our diverse society becomes ever more closely gathered into a fellowship of Friends who find their center in the Light and Love of the Spirit. And we send our Friends home with these words of the old hymn:

As we leave this friendly place,
Love give light to every face;
May the kindness which we've learned
Light our hearts till we return.

Signed in and on behalf of Lake Erie Yearly Meeting,

Peggy Daub, Clerk

Early Elementary Epistle

Conleth Crotser introduced the five participants in the early elementary program. The words of their epistle were written on the links of a paper chain they had constructed in their consideration of the many meanings of chains and links.



An Epistle from Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, & Queer Concerns

Midwinter Gathering 2011

To All Friends Everywhere,

We send you love from Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, & Queer Concerns Midwinter Gathering, held from February 18-21st, 2011 in Browns Summit, North Carolina.

There was a time when we could not say our name. We dared not say our name—even in the Religious Society of Friends. We were the Committee of Concern. This community has grown up around the concept of “radical inclusion”—the willingness to welcome new and different kinds of people into our community even when we had not expected them, recognizing the expansion of our understanding of who we are as a form of continuing revelation. Some of those who helped form this community continue to actively be a part of our community, for which we are blessed. Others have moved on. Still others have passed on. Yet all these Friends are still very much with us, standing in their own integrity, and calling us into our own.

We came together once again to witness to the power of radical love and radical inclusion to transform and sustain us spiritually – both individually and as a community and to discern how we are called to deepen

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our commitment to that call. Framed by our theme, “Reclaiming our Past; Proclaiming our Future,” we heard stories of what happens when we do this well. When we are faithful, we recognize that love is a practice, that in relationship we reveal and discover our true selves. We share the stories and truth emerging from our lives; when needed, we say to one another, “You’re standing on my foot! Please get off!” And then we talk about it. We experience the gifts of receiving and giving love that is shaped by the quirks and flavors of each of our individual essences; in so doing, we invite each other into wholeness, greater integrity, a fuller understanding of who we are as a community, and even greater integrity, and thus the cycle begins again.

As we shared our truths with one another in worship, Spirit revealed to and through us how wholeness, community, love, and integrity are intimately intertwined with each other. As one Friend said, “With Quakers, I cannot lie about who I am.” He spoke about how Friends from this community “kicked me out of the closet”—not through violence, but through holding him to a higher standard of integrity and by loving him for exactly who he is. Another Friend gazed into the eyes of each speaker on a panel of our elders, expressing how she could feel the flavor of each life moving through her, transforming her. A third urged that in an unsafe and sometimes hostile world, we must nevertheless go cheerfully where we are led, understanding that only as we bring our full selves forward can we make the world safer for those who will follow. A fourth speaker, an attender for whom this gathering was hir* first experience of Quakerism, spoke powerfully at the end of the gathering of how way had opened for hir* to be here, and a sense of how “I am supposed to be where I am right now. Life is overwhelming but I can do it.” Young and young adult Friends spoke deeply of the condition of a continuum of sexual and gender identities and the urgent necessity of a place of full and unconditional love and acceptance to call forth one’s true self. They spoke of the blessing of a safe space where they could be fully known, of the feeling that FLGBTQC was a place where there was no “card check,” where all were welcome, warts and all, where they could bring their whole selves forward.

We also know our own stories of the pain it inflicts when radical love and inclusion are absent—experienced within this community and others. We know that we have work to do to more faithfully practice radical love and inclusion with people of color and Young Adult Friends and Young Friends, and those who may yearn for but not be aware of or have access to our community.

We ask for the prayers of all Friends everywhere as we do our work, and we ask you, as way opens, to support us and join with us in our struggle. We offer you our unfolding witness and testimony to the power of radical love and inclusion in this community and an invitation to join in this experience at gatherings in the future. Co-clerks can be reached via telephone at 267-270-2315 or email at flgbtqc@gmail.com. Our website is flgbtqc.quaker.org.

On behalf of Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, & Queer Concerns,

Deborah Fisch, Co-Clerk

Kody Hersh, Co-Clerk

* Many people who identify as neither men nor women prefer to be referred to by non-gendered pronouns, and this attender is among those people. The word “hir” in this case is grammatically equivalent to “her” as the possessive (“this is hir [item]”) and object form (“I gave it to hir”) but carries no connotation of a female or male gender.

Annual Meeting 2011: Report on Plenary Address by Sally Weaver Sommer: “On Being Called to Lesser Things”



Sally Weaver Sommer began her address reciting the words of the hymn that begins “Rise up O youth of God! Have done with lesser things.” The message of this hymn, she explained, calls us to refrain from devoting ourselves to non-kingdom values, a message she strongly supports.

She talked about her personal myth and how it has directed her in regards to purchasing and consuming goods and services. She voiced a hope that it will help us weave new themes into our life-narratives, re-vision our futures, reauthorize the myths by which we live, because we only do this kind of work in community.

Jesus understood that being mindful of our consumption is a real challenge, particularly for those of us who have so much. Two of the impulses that he confronted directly through his teaching were worrying too much and desiring too much.

Sally shared with us two stories—one about the lilies of the field and clothes or the birds of the air and food—and another about a camel and the eye of a needle. Both of these spoke to her as a child, she said, and both have plagued her, given her hope, and guided her throughout her life.

The story about the lilies and the birds is part of the Sermon on the Mount. Sally said she was taught that the way to make sense of the Bible, and the apparent contradictions found within it, was to prioritize sections of the Bible, giving the Sermon on

the Mount top priority. In it, Jesus challenged the people gathered to live in ways that were contrary to their impulses.

He told the people gathered to hear him: Stop worrying about the food and drink that you need to stay alive or about the clothes you are going to wear. Life is worth a lot more than food and the body is worth more than clothes. The birds do not plant seeds, nor gather a harvest, nor put it in barns. And God takes care of them.

And why worry about clothes? Look how the lilies of the field grow: they do not work or make clothes for themselves. But, he told them, not even Solomon, rich as he was, had clothes as beautiful as one of these flowers. If God clothes the flowers, why wouldn't God clothe you?

He was talking to people who knew well what it meant to worry about what they might eat, drink, or wear. So how could he tell them so flippantly to stop their worrying?

Sally said that as she meditated on this passage she came to realize that it isn't about *her* worrying about what *she* will eat, drink, or wear; the Sermon on the Mount is a description of the Kingdom of God and an invitation for us to start living kingdom values right now. Jesus is teaching us how to live together in community and this passage is part of that teaching.

Once she realized this, her questions changed. She began asking: Who is the *you* in this passage? And how are our basic needs to be met? Is Jesus saying that God has given us a bountiful world and our basic needs are guaranteed to be met if we live together in community in accord with kingdom values?

Sally said, “I believe with all my heart that God's intention is not to include only those of one given religious, ethnic, cultural, political, economic, or national group in that community.

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"It is . . . imperative that we expand our understanding of community beyond the boundaries of our own comfortable groupings."

She was fortunate, she said, that when she was twelve her parents took her and five siblings to Puerto Rico for a year. It was her first immersion experience in a new language and culture, and her first introduction to widespread poverty. Seeing the shacks of the poor people living along the river that her family crossed on the way to church began her long quest to find out how such inequalities could exist and how we could continue to let them persist.

This led to the story about a rich man wanting to know what he needed to do to inherit eternal life.

The man ran up to Jesus, knelt in front of him, and asked: "What must I do to receive eternal life?"

Jesus responded, "Well, you know what to do. You have the commandments. Do not kill; do not commit adultery; do not steal; do not lie; do not cheat; and honor your parents."

The man answered, "But teacher, ever since I was young I have always followed these commandments."

With love, Jesus looked the man in the eyes and said: "You need only one thing. Go and sell all that you have and give the money to the poor, then come and follow me." This made the man very sad, because he was very rich. He walked away.

Jesus commented to his disciples that it is as difficult for a rich man to be part of the kingdom of God as it is for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle.

That really drove home the message to the disciples that it is very difficult indeed to be part of the kingdom with lots of possessions in tow.

It dawned on Peter that the disciples had done just what Jesus was telling this man to do. He said, "Look, we have left everything and followed you."

Jesus said, "Yes and I tell you this: anyone who leaves home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields to be part of bringing about the kingdom of God on this earth will receive a hundred times more—plus persecutions as well."

Sally asked, "How can you hear that story over and over and be happy with the status quo? [What does] it mean to sell all my possessions, give the money to the poor, and follow Jesus?"

"Are we the rich man who needs to get rid of a bunch of stuff, or are we the disciples who have already done so, or are we somewhere in between? It seems to me that a calling to mindful consumption implies figuring out where we are in that spectrum. It means considering if our life is rightly ordered. It means seeking first the kingdom of God and God's righteousness, knowing that we will be persecuted at times only to be blessed many times over in the end. And we do all this in community."

She concluded, "I believe that if we are going to live lightly, carefully, and gracefully, we will need to better understand the concept of sufficiency. We need to learn to say, 'I have enough' and 'we have enough.' As we let go of the worrying about the future of our individual physical and emotional well being and come together to create a sustainable community ruled by principles of justice, mercy and sufficiency, our souls will be released from their agony. It won't be easy and, like the rich man, sometimes we will walk away from the invitation. But in community with each other and with the guiding spirit we will find our way to greater things by embracing the lesser things that we are called to."

Following the address Micah Sommer sang:

I don't need a lot of money, just enough to live.
And I don't need a lot of love, just enough to give.
Yes, and I don't need to be too happy,
just as long as I'm not too sad.
And I know that I'm doing all right,
if I'm not doing too bad.





Saturday, October 15, 2011, 10:00am to 3:00pm

Location: Kendal at Oberlin, Ohio

A Lake Erie Yearly Meeting Event
Led by Elaine Crauderueff and others
from the FGC Quaker Quest program

Each meeting in LEYM is invited to send TWO participants.

Quaker Quest is a dynamic and transformative inreach and outreach process based on the experience that the Quaker way is a spiritual path for our time that is simple, radical, and contemporary. We have found that people enquiring about us want to experience Quaker worship, hear why being a Quaker matters to us, talk to each other and us about it and get an idea what sort of people we are.

The stillness that is at the core of Quaker worship is as needed today as ever, along with the spiritual and social values we have derived from it. We will be as interested in how you feel about them as we will be in meeting you.

Quaker Quest in the US & Canada is a project of Friends General Conference. Friends may wish to learn more from www.fgcquaker.org or www.quakerquest.org

Kendal at Oberlin is at 600 Kendal Drive, Oberlin, OH 44074-1900. For a map and directions, go to kao.kendal.org/contact/contact.aspx. Kendal is accessible. \$20 Registration fee covers lunch; payable on arrival. For more information contact: Mike Hinshaw at xochitl23@frontier.com

To register, send the following information by Oct. 1 to:

Dolores Avner, 1332 Cordova Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15206, DavAvne@aol.com

Name _____
Meeting _____
Address _____
Phone _____ Cell _____
Email address _____

Do you need overnight hospitality? YES NO

Do you have mobility issues? YES NO

AN INVITATION FOR ALL LEYM YOUTH 5–14 YEARS THEIR PARENTS AND OTHERS FOR THE ANNUAL FALL YOUTH RETREAT

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 THRU SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2
TEMPLED HILLS, 5734 DURBIN RD, BELLVILLE, OH 44813

WHAT IS THE RETREAT?

We will play and pray together in our usual cabin, a comfortable meeting facility equipped with kitchen and meeting areas on the grounds of the UCC camp Templed Hills. The building has several rooms for four (for adults, smaller children, and those who prefer more privacy) and the group room of bunk beds for the older youth. (There are also individual showers in the group bathrooms.) This year we will silk screen T-shirts on Friday night and will be spending Saturday on the nearby farm of Joyce and Philip Balderston to have fun exploring and doing service projects. We will also sing, do crafts, play kick the can, have a campfire, and generally have a wonderful time seeing old friends and making new ones. Dinner Friday through lunch Sunday will be served. After worship, lunch, and clean up on Sunday, we will all head home, refreshed in spirit and friendship.

WHO IS WELCOME?

ALL LEYM YOUTH, from kindergarten through 8th grade and friends who might be interested in sharing the weekend. (Younger children are also welcome, especially if that is the only way their older siblings can attend, but child care is not provided. The farm holds many delights for them, with parental supervision.) ADULTS AND OLDER TEENS, even without youth participants from their own home, are invited to help and to enjoy the company of our wonderful LEYM youth. PARENTS are also welcomed AND NEEDED, to share in the weekend and help with supervision. A GROCERY SHOPPER/COOK is needed, who will do most of the cooking (with help when that person requests) and that volunteer will have the registration fee waived. The camp staff would like one of the accompanying adults to be certified in first aid and CPR.

PERMISSION SLIPS:

Parents **not** present will need to provide the permission slip included on page 19 of this *Bulletin*, giving permission for medical care for their child/children.

REGISTRATION FEE:

LEYM IS VERY INTERESTED IN PROVIDING SCHOLARSHIPS. Please do not let the registration fee prevent you from joining us. The fee is \$50, which does not cover the full cost of the event but does include food, lodging and on site activities. PLEASE READ THE REGISTRATION FORM (page 19) FOR SCHOLARSHIP REQUESTS.

PLEASE BRING:

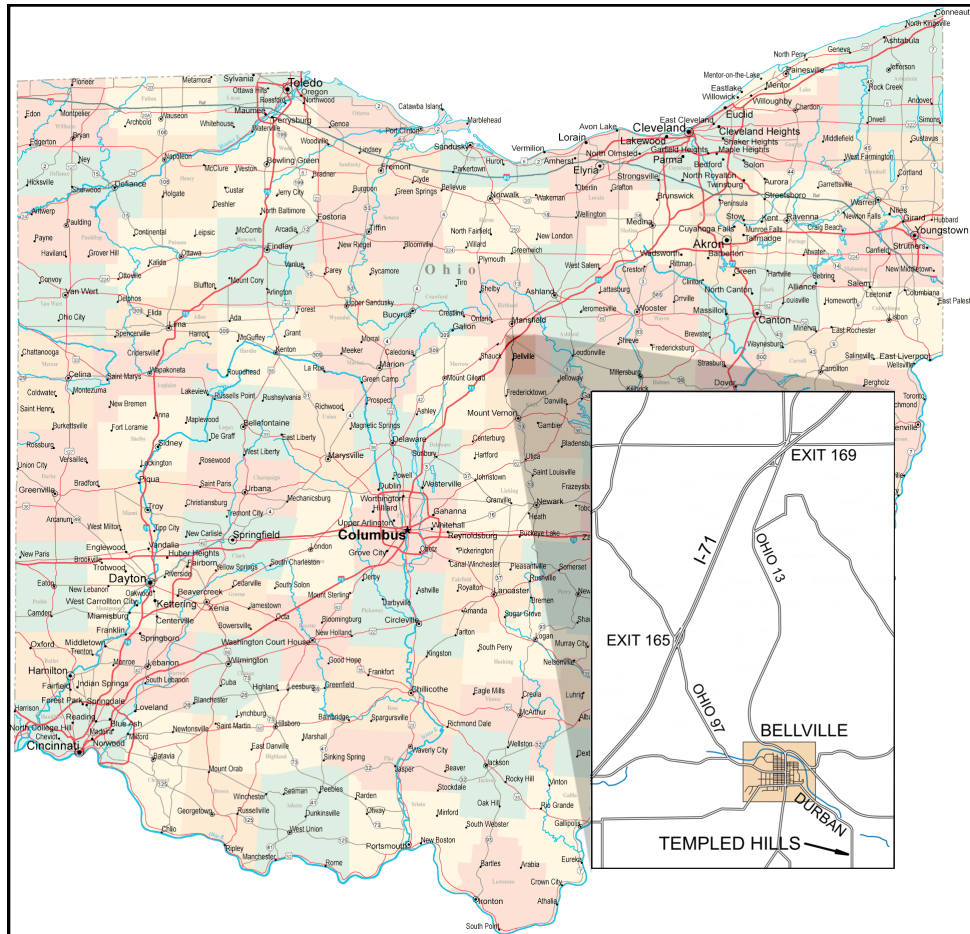
sleeping bag or bed roll, older clothes to work on the farm (including layers for different weather conditions), sturdy shoes for outside (flip flops are OK inside, but not much use for hiking, farm work, etc.), personal toiletries, wash cloth and towel, flashlight, books or journals for personal time, board games if you have one you like to share, a T-shirt to silk-screen (light colors are easier to do), a container to make a terrarium if you would like to, your curiosity and willingness to share. Please do not bring computers or other electronic devices unless absolutely necessary for school work. We will have so many wonderful things to do that electronic equipment will only interfere.

RSVP

BY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26: to Conleth Crotser at conlethcrotser@hotmail.com, or by snail mail to 134 W. Lincoln St. Oberlin, OH 44074 or home phone 440-774-7529.

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Directions to Templed Hills, Ohio



From the North: Take I-71 south to Rt. 13 (exit 169). Go south on Rt. 13 into Bellville.* The third traffic light in Bellville will be Durbin Road. Turn left on Durbin Road. Templed Hills is 1.5 miles ahead on the right side of Durbin Road.

From the South: Take I-71 north to Route 97 (exit 165). Turn right (east) on Rt. 97 into Bellville.* The first traffic light will be Rt. 13. Turn right (south) on Rt. 13. The next traffic light will be Durbin Road. Turn left on Durbin Road. Templed Hills is 1.5 miles ahead on the right side of Durbin Road.

*** Alternate directions to Templed Hills to use in inclement weather (when the Clear Fork floods):** Stay on Route 13 through Bellville. Turn left onto Ankneytown Road (opposite the Ford dealer). Turn left on Honeycreek Road and go 1 mile to Durbin Road. Turn left onto Durbin Road. The camp entrance is on the left.

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Registration for LEYM FALL YOUTH RETREAT

September 30–October 2, 2011 BELLVILLE, OHIO

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 26, 2011.

This form can be mailed as the registration or IF YOU CONFIRM REGISTRATION by email or phone before the registration deadline, it can be sent with your child.

CHECK HERE () IF YOU WOULD LIKE A \$30 SCHOLARSHIP FROM LEYM. ASK YOUR MONTHLY MEETING, TOO, AS MOST MONTHLY MEETINGS HAVE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS.

(Contact Conleth Crotser if you have any special circumstances you would like to have considered.)

Child's name _____

Nickname _____ Age at retreat _____

Home address _____

Parents' email _____

Please give a full listing of each child's pertinent medical, mental, and physical conditions, as well as any medications they are currently taking. (This will be confidential information, for the adult supervisors present. Use the back if more room is needed.)

Medical insurance information: (a copy of the card would be nice, if possible)

Name of policy holder _____

Relationship to child _____

Insurance carrier _____

Group number _____ Policy number _____

PERMISSION FOR MEDICAL CARE:

I am aware that my child is attending the Lake Erie Yearly Meeting Fall Youth Retreat at Templed Hills Retreat Center in Bellville, Ohio, Sept 30 to Oct 2, 2011. I authorize the adult volunteers to arrange for any emergency medical care they deem necessary. I understand that all attempts will be made to contact me as soon as any such care is required.

Signature of parent or guardian _____

Printed name of parent or guardian _____

Telephone number(s) where parent or guardian can be reached in case of an emergency:

cell () _____ days () _____ evenings () _____

If parent or guardian cannot be reached, please notify _____

cell () _____ days () _____ evenings () _____

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Quaker Quest Intern for Communications at Friends General Conference

General Statement:

This is a one-year internship position at the offices of Friends General Conference in Philadelphia, PA. The goals of this internship are two-fold, with learning and service being major priorities. The intern will work closely with the Committee for Nurturing Ministries and Quaker Quest Coordinator, other Nurturing Ministries and Quaker Quest (QQ) staff, and will work collaboratively with the Web and Online Communications Manager to develop, implement and monitor the Quaker Quest portion of FGC's website, to develop and monitor online and interactive communications with meetings and Quaker Quest volunteers, to develop new on-line support services for the new QQNext project, and to do limited, specific, communications work for other programs of the Committee for Nurturing Ministries. This work must integrate seamlessly with the rest of the site in look, feel and tone.

Desired Qualifications:

Education:

1. College graduate or equivalent experience, especially with website design.

Experience With:

1. Microsoft Office, Drupal, database programs (Salesforce ideal).
2. Collaborative work with colleagues on complex projects.
3. A range of Quaker meetings and organizations.
4. Online video and audio editing and production.

Skills:

1. A strong grasp of effective online communications, including writing for the web, using social media and storytelling on the web, and developing interactive websites.
2. Strong computer skills, including basic understanding of HTML, CSS, and image manipulation for the web.
3. An ability to carry out complex computer-based projects according to directions and guidance given by senior colleagues.
4. Competency in preparing clear written communications, including drafting text for websites.
5. Competency in clear verbal communications with colleagues, both in meetings and one-on-one.

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General:

1. Ability to work on several complex projects simultaneously.
2. Ability to work collaboratively with others, and to take directions.
3. Professional attitude toward the work.
4. Ability to make a full one-year commitment to the position and to working in the Philadelphia office of FGC.
5. Eagerness to learn new communications skills.
6. Willingness to do routine and basic tasks as well as challenging ones.
7. Ability to travel occasionally, usually on weekends.

Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Work on the development of the portion of the FGC website devoted to outreach, seekers, and FGC's Quaker Quest program by working closely with colleagues in both Quaker Quest and Communications.
2. Develop and manage online and interactive communications for Quaker meetings and individual Friends involved in Quaker Quest, the QQNext, and other outreach work. Create, update and maintain a Quaker Quest blog which can help foster greater awareness of the Quaker way and Quaker Quest for meetings who wish to utilize this program as both an outreach and inreach tool by considering the needs of both meetings and seekers.
3. Provide support for and participate in a content audit of the website.
4. Evaluate, correct, and prepare text and content, particularly considering the Quaker Quest program leadings.
5. Create video components for the website and online communications related to Quaker Quest and outreach efforts which assist in answering the question, "Who are the Quakers?"
6. Create audio and video training materials for use in training Quaker Quest volunteers and for training volunteers to lead the QQNext by working closely with Quaker Quest staff.
7. Develop templates for collecting and sharing stories from meetings involved in Quaker Quest and other outreach work in order to assist in fostering dialog and the raising up of models for the application of Quaker Quest.
8. Post new stories regularly on the website, and occasionally produce hard-copy versions.
9. Write brief articles on Quaker Quest and related outreach work for FGC publications and possibly other Quaker periodicals to increase the visibility of the program and to highlight how Friends are using the services we provide.
10. Interview seekers and other users of our programs, including Quaker Quest, and develop stories to use on our website and in our online and print newsletter.
11. Create and/or maintain on-line materials for other programs in the Committee for Nurturing Ministries.
12. Train Quaker Quest and other Committee for Nurturing Ministries staff in on-line work.
13. Other duties as assigned by supervisor.

Supervisor: Nurturing Ministries/Quaker Quest Coordinator

Hours: 100% Time (35 hours/week)

Stipend: \$18,000/year plus full benefits

LEYM Change of Address

Please return to:

Name _____

Leslie Walden
4011 Norfolk St
Detroit, MI 48221

Address _____

City _____

Thank you!

State _____

Zip _____

Email _____

Meeting _____

**Check out LEYM's
Annual Records
2011**

(Ask your meeting for a copy)

Calendar

LAKE ERIE YEARLY MEETINGSeptember 30–October 2, 2011 LEYM Youth
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Perrysburg, Ohio**GREEN PASTURES QUARTERLY MEETING**SEPTEMBER 17, 2011 Fall Meeting at Friends
School in Detroit

LEYM Committee Clerks 2011–2012

Advancement & Outreach: Mike Hinshaw (Wooster)**Arrangements & Site:** Jon Sommer (Broadmead)**Earthcare:** Phil Clampitt (Birmingham) &
Judy Greenberg (Broadmead)**Finance:** Sally Weaver Sommer (Broadmead) &
Jeff Cooper (Ann Arbor)**High School Teen Retreat Program:** Merry Stanford
(Red Cedar)**Ministry & Nurture:** Don Nagler (Pine River)**Nominating:** Thomas Taylor (Ann Arbor)**Peace:** Nancy Taylor (Ann Arbor)**Program:** Clemence Ravacon Mershon
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We've Moved!

Our new address on the worldwide web is<http://leym.org>

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LAKE ERIE YEARLY MEETING

Leslie Walden
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Fall 2011 Bulletin

We're on the Web!
<http://leym.org>

Conleth Crotser conducts an exploration
of Little Riley Creek with
the lower elementary group.

