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## Minutes and Committee Reports

### YM05 - 1 Worship and Epistle from Australia Yearly Meeting

The 42nd Session of LEYM was held at Bluffton University, Bluffton, Ohio. We began with worship, during which we heard the reading of the Epistle from Australia Yearly Meeting, which met in Perth in January 2005. They were particularly aware of their relations to the Aboriginal people of Western Australia and the need to respond to the devastation by the Tsunami to other peoples in the Indian Ocean region.

### YM05 - 2 Welcome and Introduction of the Clerks

Our Clerk, Michael Fuson (Granville), welcomed Friends and introduced our annual meeting theme as well as those at the table: Sally Weaver Sommer (Broadmead, Asst. Clerk) and Thomas Taylor (Ann Arbor, Recording Clerk).

Travel Minutes have been read on behalf of Kim Carlyle (Swannanoa Valley, Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting and Association), and Roy Joe and Ruth Stuckey (Campus Meeting, Wilmington and Ohio Valley YMs, representing Friends World Committee for Consultation).

Other Friends new to LEYM were asked to introduce themselves: Judith Morrigan (Red Cedar), Ken & Katharine Jacobsen (Chicago & Friends Center, Barnesville, OH), Karen Nippert (Granville), Bill Warters (Birmingham) and Susan Carlyle (Swannanoa Valley).

### YM05 - 3 Roll Call

The Recording Clerk called the roll of Friends from our constituent monthly and preparative meetings and worship groups. The count (corrected against registration numbers) was as follows:

#### Monthly Meetings

Akron	1	Kalamazoo	5
Ann Arbor	28	Kent	6
Athens	10	Mid-Ohio Valley	0
Birmingham	8	Monongalia	0
Broadmead	21	North Columbus	2
Cleveland	19	Oberlin	4
Delaware	0	Pine River	4
Detroit	2	Pittsburgh	14
Grand Rapids	1	Red Cedar	9
Granville	6	Wooster	4

#### Preparative Meetings and Worship Groups

Albion (under Red Cedar)	0	Grd Traverse (Grd Rpds)	0
Circleville (N Columbus)	0	Holland (Grand Rapids)	0
Erie (Pittsburgh)	1	Indiana (Pittsburgh)	0
Fremont (Grand Rapids)	0	Manitou (Grand Rapids)	0
Gallipolis (Grand Rapids)	0	Tustin (Pine River)	0

LEYM attenders	144
Other attenders	<u>9</u>
Total attenders:	153

#### **YM05 - 4 Memorial Worship**

We mourned the death of several Friends in our Yearly Meeting. Isabel Bliss (Ann Arbor) passed away on June 24, 2004, shortly after our annual sessions. An account of her life was printed in the LEYM *Bulletin*, Winter 2005. Pegg Stilwell, long active in the Yearly Meeting, suffered a fall this Spring and her health deteriorated quickly. A memorial service has yet to be arranged. Other lives of people active in our monthly meetings were also remembered in our worship.

#### **YM05 - 5 Naming Committee**

We approve the names of Rosemary Coffey (Pittsburgh), Lila Cornell (Pittsburgh) and Kri Anderson (Ann Arbor) to serve on this committee to bring names of two Friends to serve three-year terms and one Friend to serve a two-year term on the Nominating Committee.

#### **YM05 - 6 Epistle Committee**

Assistant Clerk Sally Weaver Sommer (Broadmead), Nancy Nagler (Pine River) and Nancy Taylor (Ann Arbor) were approved to serve on the Epistle Committee and to report back to us as way opens.

#### **YM05 - 7 Reminders**

We have received useful practical information from members of the Program, Site and Youth & Children committees, including helpful reminders to welcome and beFriend people who are new to the YM, and to be punctual to begin and conclude our meetings at the times agreed.

#### **YM05 - 8 Reminders about Process**

The Clerk reminded those reporting to the meeting to submit their reports in writing so as to facilitate minuting and accuracy of reporting. He also reminded us to conduct our business in worship, allowing space for guidance of the Spirit and allowing the Clerk to guide the flow of matters before the meeting.

#### **YM05 - 9 About Nominations**

Verne Bechill (Pine River) spoke to us for the Nominating Committee, asking us to be open to service in the Yearly Meeting. He also introduced members of the committee.

#### **YM05 - 10 Newcomers and Greetings from David Bassett**

We reconvened on Friday morning after the refreshment of a night's sleep and our worship-sharing groups. Other Friends new to LEYM introduced themselves. They were: Phil Clampitt (Birmingham), Messon Gbah (Ann Arbor), Bob Fisher (Ann Arbor), Susan Wilson (Ann Arbor), Nancy James (Pittsburgh), Su Hansen (Ann Arbor).

We have received greetings from David Bassett. He and Miyo have recently moved from Ann Arbor to Rochester, New York. We will miss them.

#### **YM05 - 11 AFSC**

Richard Taylor (Oberlin) gave a short verbal report, summarizing some of the points covered in the following report:

##### **AFSC Report by Max Heirich (Ann Arbor)**

Positive new developments: The Eyes Wide Open memorial to the human costs of the Iraq War, developed in the Great Lakes Region, is continuing to have high impact across the country. (It will be in Ann Arbor during Art Fair, July 20-22, 2005.) The Together in Faith Conference in Ypsilanti, Michigan, last summer had high impact in the LGBT and its allied community, attracting participants from across the country. Its follow-up is scheduled for Ypsilanti August 5-7, 2005. A new Fair Trade Olive Oil campaign will bring volunteers to Palestine, help set up sales outlets for Palestinian olive oil production, and let volunteers speak about what they have seen. At a national level, the Board's Simplicity Committee has delivered its report about AFSC restructuring to the Board and the Corporation. The report strongly affirms the principle of joint governance between Regions and the National Board (and the International Program Committee and the National Board) for

deciding on programs and supervising them, and for allocating funds to operate programs. The report was accepted in principle and referred to the National Board's Executive Committee for implementation at the Board meeting in March 2005.

Ann Arbor Friends Meeting invited Paul Lacey, clerk of the AFSC National Board, and members of Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting to a Threshing Session in July 2004, in which there was frank discussion of most problems that had been of concern to us, and a commitment by both the Great Lakes Region director and the clerk of the GLR Executive Committee's program committee to advocate strongly for both of the Ann Arbor AFSC programs that seemed in potential jeopardy because of AFSC's emphasis on its current more narrowly focused Strategic Plan and its First Focus on Peace and Immigration issues.

The potential national AFSC crisis that was brewing over staff conscientious resistance to allowing criminal background checks to be run on staff (in response to liability insurance demands and Board concerns about possible youth vulnerability) has been avoided. Already-hired AFSC staff were exempted from this requirement unless they worked with youth. The companies originally contacted about doing this work, which sold information to various security agencies within the U.S. government, were replaced by Oxford, an agency that does these checks for religious groups and has no contracts with government agencies. It adapted its procedures to reflect Quaker testimonies and concerns. However, some programs (such as Ann Arbor's LGBT Issues program) dropped their youth component, and other programs shifted supervisory duties so that staff with strong conscientious objection would not be terminated because of this policy.

Other problems continue. AFSC is being sued by the three Chicago staff of its former African American Community Empowerment Program for wrongful termination. This has put "on hold" activities of a Lessons Learned Committee set up to review the process involved in that decision, and the issues it raised within two regions concerning AFSC due process, possible institutional racism, and governing versus advisory roles for regional executive committees. A national workshop for senior administrators on Diversity issues identified some issues for increased staff awareness. Resignations in response to the AFSC controversies of the preceding year seem to be slowing down, and these controversies seem to be getting on a more productive track. The wounds of that decision and the mistrust it engendered can heal with careful tending.

Meanwhile, the Ann Arbor LGBT Issues program has entered into dialogue with the Region about possible devolvement, in order to let the program not only continue but grow. In the meantime the LGBT program network within AFSC recognizes that AFSC has a strong commitment to LGBT rights and recognition, but also believes AFSC must be constructively challenged around the question of where LGBT programming fits within AFSC's strategic and financial priorities.

At the June 2005 meeting of the National AFSC Board, Lee O'Neill, the chief financial officer, and the Finance Committee will propose a new Unified Budget procedure for AFSC. Regional directors and the clerk of the National Board, when asked about how it will work, all reported that they had not seen enough of the plan to know. We should watch these developments with special interest, to see both how they enable a national focus and how they protect the principle of joint governance in setting priorities for regional program development.

What parts of the Simplicity Committee report will be implemented by the AFSC National Executive Committee remains to be seen. This might be an appropriate time for LEYM to express its appreciation for the Simplicity Committee's recommendations and its hope that the spirit of the report will be fully implemented.

#### **YM05 - 12 FWCC**

Zig Dermer (Pittsburgh) has told us of the work of the Friends World Committee for Consultation. Liberal Friends, such as ourselves, constitute only about 10% of the world's Quakers. Through FWCC, Friends of all traditions learn about each other's worship and witness. A regional meeting was held at Friends School in Detroit last Autumn. The next regional meeting will be hosted at Barnesville, Ohio, by Ohio YM (Conservative), in October 2005.

The FWCC Section of the Americas Annual Meeting was held in Tempe, Arizona, this past April. The next Section meeting will be hosted by Guatemalan Friends in Chiquimula on the third weekend in March 2006. This will be the first Section meeting ever to be held in Central America. In 2007, the next Triennial Meeting will be hosted by Ireland YM. LEYM will support the travel of two Friends appointed

to represent us there. FWCC is instituting a capital campaign, hoping to build an endowment so its work of bridge building may continue.

### **YM05 - 13 Olney Friends School**

Nancy Taylor (Ann Arbor), member of the Olney Board, reported to us as follows:

#### **Olney Friends School Representative Report**

Olney began the 2004-05 year with 67 students: 23 international students from 13 different countries, and 45 students from 16 states. There is 100% acceptance of graduating seniors into 4-year colleges; among the colleges this year's seniors will attend are Haverford, Oberlin, Earlham and Carleton.

Olney completed the two million dollar capital campaign (so ably led by Katharine Jacobsen) in three years instead of five, and we were able to exceed the \$200,000 Annual Fund Campaign in 2004. We are purchasing Top Campus from Ohio Yearly Meeting – this is the 65 acres on which all the school buildings stand, plus the hockey and soccer fields and lake. We continue to manage approximately 300 additional acres that include the school farm and Plummer Woods.

Olney was featured in the spring issue of Teaching Tolerance in an article about holistic education titled, "Body, Mind and Spirit." The Headmaster, Rich Sidwell, said, "While there are plenty of schools that promote being smart as the pinnacle, Olney Friends School believes in a deep commitment to goodness as well as intelligence."

Is Olney out of the woods yet? No. There is still a great financial need, since most students receive some scholarship aid and the income from tuition is way too low to cover costs. The buildings of this 168-year-old school are in constant need of repair and updating. Recruitment of new students is always a challenge, and over the summer we're hoping to double the number of incoming freshmen from 8 to 16. Additionally, we're looking for 2 or 3 new Board members, having lost 3 when they joined the school administration. If you are interested in enrollment information, or would like to make a financial contribution or consider service as a Board member, please speak to me sometime this weekend.

### **YM05 - 14 FGC**

Kri Anderson (Ann Arbor), LEYM representative to Friends General Conference, has reported to us on behalf of herself and the other LEYM representatives, Valerie Groszmann and Star Mary Castro.

#### **FGC Representatives Report**

FGC continues to seek the will of God in its service to the various monthly and yearly meetings under its care. The spirit is alive and busy within FGC! The LEYM representatives considered their involvement in various committees and settled upon a few things to share with the body.

At Central Committee sessions this fall, we heard the following statement describing our experience as a corporate body of our lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual, and queer Friends:

Our experience has been that spiritual gifts are not distributed with regard to sexual orientation or gender identity. Our experience has been that our Gatherings and Central Committee work have been immeasurably enriched over the years by the full participation and Spirit-guided leadership of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and queer Friends. We will never go back to silencing those voices or suppressing those gifts. Our experience confirms that we are all equal before God, as God made us, and we feel blessed to be engaged in the work of FGC together.

FGC invites us to consider and share back about our experience. We are invited to dwell deep, to "know one another in that which is eternal," to consider the words of this minute and epistle, and to be open to the presence and guidance of the Spirit.

Two of your representatives serve on the Religious Education Committee. Valerie Groszmann also serves on the Traveling Ministries Committee. We wanted to alert Friends to a few upcoming books and curricula in process. *Wrestling with our Faith Tradition*, by Lloyd Lee Wilson, should be ready by this summer's Gathering. *Living with a Concern for the Ministry* (tentative title), by Brian Drayton, should be ready by Christmas. Additionally, regarding the 2004 publication *Lives that Speak – 20th Century Quakers*, originally conceived as a book for young people, adults have been finding that this serves them also.

Kri Anderson serves FGC as its representative to the YouthQuake planning committee. YouthQuake is a triennial event bringing together youth aged 14-20 from across the theological spectrum of Quakerism. Issues about sexual orientation have been a source of tension among the members of the planning committee, but this year's committee members are endeavoring to listen deeply to the movement of the Spirit as they plan the conference. LEYM has had a number of youth participate in past YouthQuakes, and we are encouraged to consider expanding our financial support to make that opportunity possible for a greater number of youth.

Another movement afoot within FGC is the growing energy about Youth Ministry. We recognize that there are many needs among high school and post-high school Friends that are currently unmet. FGC sponsored a consultation with representation from Friends of all ages earlier this year. Over the weekend, the need was expressed for opportunities for connections among young Friends of similar ages. The desire and refreshment found in gatherings of Friends of similar ages and life transitions was strongly affirmed. However, perhaps more powerful and unexpected was a parallel and less met need for the building of a true intergenerational community that will invigorate and nourish each of us and the Religious Society of Friends. The power of such a blessed community could be breathtaking. Faithfully building authentic and deep intergenerational ties may require nothing short of a cultural shift in the Religious Society of Friends, a shift that is not modeled in our larger society. But the rewards could be tremendous.

We were challenged to respond to the following query: Can we really find that of God, based in mutual respect and reciprocal nurturance, between all of us, regardless of age?

This searching continues, and FGC invites all monthly and yearly meetings to consider issues of intergenerational community. We are still in a discernment process about what FGC can provide in response to these needs. We feel deeply led to expand our work in this area, as well as continuing work through the Committee for Ministry on Racism, and Traveling Ministry. As FGC grows its programming to respond to needs identified, FGC's need for financial support grows as well. Friends are asked to consider their support of this organization.

Lastly, two of your representatives have been active in the Yearly Meeting Visitors program. Valerie Groszmann has visited North Carolina YM –Conservative on two occasions, and plans to attend New York YM later this year. Kri Anderson has visited Northern YM on two occasions, and also attended North Pacific YM sessions last year. These opportunities allow us to observe, learn from and share with other yearly meetings for a greater understanding of the needs and richness of our larger community of Friends. Differences from our own yearly meeting have been enriching and broadening in understanding how the Spirit moves among us.

This summer's Gathering will be held in Blacksburg, Virginia, and we look forward to seeing familiar faces there. Next summer, we are excited about taking the Gathering farther west than it has ever been, to Tacoma, Washington, on the campus of Pacific Lutheran University. It's not too early to begin thinking about the Quaker caravan across the country!

We also wish to recognize Leonora Cayard, who stepped down as a representative to FGC this year so that she could care for her husband. We thank Friend Leonora for her dedicated service to Friends General Conference for many years, and we'll miss her. It is a great joy and blessing to serve Lake Erie YM as representatives to this great organization, and we are thankful for the opportunity to do so.

#### **YM05 - 15 High School Youth Program Committee**

We have approved language to add to our LEYM *Policies & Procedures* manual that describes the composition and responsibilities of the High School Youth Program Committee. The text reads as follows:

#### Section IV: Organization

#### E. Standing Committees

#### 8. High School Youth Program Committee

- a. Composition. The High School Youth Program Committee will consist of three adult members with 3-year overlapping terms and two high school aged members with 2-year overlapping terms. The High School Youth Program coordinator will be an ex officio member. The adult members

shall be chosen to give representation to parents of high school youth and to the persons presenting the Yearly Meeting high school program.

- b. Responsibilities. The High School Youth Program Committee has the following responsibilities:
- 1) To oversee the activities of the High School Youth Program. The High School Youth Program is normally expected to consist of four quarterly retreats and is independent of the program at the annual sessions of the Yearly Meeting.
  - 2) To support and supervise the activities of the High School Youth Program coordinator. It is expected that consultation between the coordinator and the committee (by telephone or e-mail) will occur before each retreat.
  - 3) To report and seek guidance, as required, at each Representative Meeting and Yearly Meeting.

We ask the Committee to write a position description for the High School Youth Program Coordinator and bring it to our annual sessions next year for approval and eventual inclusion in *LEYM Policies & Procedures*.

#### **YM05 - 16 Epistle from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting**

The Epistle from Philadelphia YM was read. "We are one in the Spirit: Celebrating 50 years of Reunification" of the Yearly Meeting (Orthodox with Hicksite) was the theme. They have been challenged to follow through on their reintegrated Quaker witness by engaging in transformative action.

#### **YM05 - 17 Bookstore**

Valerie Groszmann (Kalamazoo) reviewed for us the process in the bookstore: books must be paid for before they are removed from the room. Payments may begin on Saturday during meal times. We are grateful to Valerie for making these resources a continuing vital part of our annual sessions.

#### **YM05 - 18 Advancement & Outreach**

Mathilda Navias (Broadmead) reported to us on the work of the committee. She invited Friends to join the workshop, "Is outreach a dirty word?" on Saturday after-noon, exploring Friends and outreach.

#### **Advancement & Outreach Committee Report**

We have approved a new packet of 5 pamphlets for newcomers to distribute to meetings. We plan to order 100 sets and get at least one set to every meeting and worship group in LEYM. Committee members will then distribute additional sets as they visit meetings or as requested. We have chosen a set recommended by Red Cedar Meeting put out by Philadelphia YM.

Since Representative Meeting in March, members of A&O have visited the following groups: Albion WG, Birmingham MM, Mid-Ohio Valley MM. Additional visits are planned.

We discussed our oversight of the Yearly Meeting web site. Following up on discussion with members of the Nominating Committee, we decided that our committee can take responsibility for the web site's content with our existing members rather than adding a web editor as an additional ex-officio member of the committee. The technical aspects of the web site will still be the responsibility of the web master under the guidance of the Publications Committee.

We would like to remind Friends to check their meeting's listing in the QuakerFinder.com website. We have discovered that some LEYM meetings' contact information is no longer up to date.

We have put outreach materials in the display area – some to view and some to take away.

#### **YM05 - 19 Arrangements & Site Committee**

Mary Igoe Meyers (Broadmead) reported for the Committee.

#### **Arrangements & Site Committee Report**

by Judy Greenberg (Broadmead)

Pre-registration went very well this year, with 145 people pre-registered. Fewer people seemed to have trouble with the forms. We appreciate Friends taking the time to fill them out carefully and including the name of their meeting.

We had the usual challenge of finding enough rooms for all our meetings in Marbeck Center. As always, there have been several bobbles in the arrangements, but as always Friends coped with a good spirit.

The new catering company the University has employed has been disappointing. We're working with the cook and the University to see what can be done yet this weekend. We'll expect the food to be better next year. Also, we're aware of the difficulties with the dorms and are trying to address these. We need an approximate count now for how many more blankets are needed in each dorm.

The dates being held for us next year are June 15-18.

We thank members of the Arrangements & Site Committee for all their work. Broadmead Meeting, although it is small in numbers, does a large job to make our meetings run comfortably, year in and year out.

### **YM05 - 20 Program Committee**

Margy Liske (Kent), Co-Clerk, has reported to us:

#### **Program Committee Report**

The Program Committee entered the age of technology this year through the good offices of Merry Stanford, who advised Peter Wood to have us all get together via conference calls (a mode, Peter explained, that Merry and the Spiritual Formation folks had found most helpful). Behold! Together in one virtual room we conferred several times, October, November and December, by which time we had considered several topics, eventually focused on the theme of our annual Query, settled on "The Ground of our Being: Listening to Earth and Spirit," researched potential plenary speakers, and selected one, Kim Carlyle. We were most appreciative of Michael Fuson's willingness to gather with us through our deliberations.

Kim responded most graciously and, after meeting with his monthly meeting support committee, agreed wholeheartedly to our request. We continued to be in touch with Kim and Susan [Carlyle], who also kindly agreed to present a workshop.

At Representative Meeting we were able to plan the schedule for June, tally potential expenses, and confirm four of the five workshop topics and leaders. With the Iraq war (or the second American war?) we found our fifth topic: Draft Counseling, and continued working on the program details, ever grateful for the endless patience and good will of the Site & Arrangements Committee, as the members received and processed our many questions and requests.

Now "the proof is in the pudding" and we sincerely hope we've prepared a program through which we may all be nurtured and speak to one another's condition.

[Note: the leaders and workshops for Saturday were:

1. Susan Carlyle — Simple Living: Practical Applications of our Testimony
2. Kim Carlyle — Caring for Creation: Lessons from Noah (PowerPoint presentation)
3. Richard Lee — Meeting for Worship for Healing
4. Su Hansen — The Draft and Draft Counseling
5. Mathilda Navias — Is Outreach a Dirty Word?]

The Clerk expressed the Yearly Meeting's appreciation for the work of our Program Committee, which provides the vital theme and programming, giving our Annual Meeting depth and focus.

### **YM05 - 21 Treasurer's Report**

Connie Bimber (Oberlin), our Treasurer, took us through her preliminary report. This is the earliest that meetings have completed their annual donations to their Yearly Meeting. [See later for the final report.]

We minute our deep appreciation to Connie Bimber for the skillful and diligent service she has given to the care of its finances over the past ten years. Connie, we will miss your work as Treasurer.



## **YM05 - 22 Finance & Budget Committee**

Linda Mills (Kalamazoo), Committee Clerk, reported to us on the work of the Committee. The budget for 2005-06 is attached.

### **Finance & Budget Committee Report**

Several requests were received for consideration by the Finance & Budget Committee. At Representative Meeting in March the Committee was asked to review the history of support for the ongoing High School Youth Program. In the past, funding for programming has come from donations and retreat fees. The Committee would like to recommend an increase of \$500 to the High School Youth Program budget for programming.

The stipend for the position of High School Youth Coordinator has not been increased. The Committee feels a raise is in order and recommends an increase of \$400 added to the High School Youth Program. That would make a total increase to the High School Youth Program of \$900.

The Committee was asked to consider funding for YouthQuake. An increase in the Youth Activity Fund of \$1,500 would allow for scholarships to that Quaker event as well as other activities.

The Spiritual Formation line item is increased by \$100 to cover some scholarships to the new Spiritual Formation group forming in the Pittsburgh area.

In anticipation of a request from Ministry & Nurture, the Committee would like to recommend a new line item for that Committee of \$200.

The Committee also recommends decreases in the Publications & Archives Committee budget for the following year. With the recommended changes to the budget, the per adult member fair share will be \$34 for 2005-2006 (up from \$31).

Due to the high cost of sending representatives to the World Gathering of Young Friends, the Committee approved moving \$1,000 from the General Fund surplus to the WGYF line item. This would allow about \$1,500 per person for expenses.

The committee is in the process of arranging for a two-year review of the books. Any suggestions of persons who might serve in that capacity would be appreciated. Please see the Clerk of this Committee following the rise of meeting.

The Committee welcomes Erika Smith as the new Treasurer as of July 1, 2005. We express our deep gratitude to Connie Bimber for her many years of service as Treasurer and financial guide. Connie will remain on the Committee for another year to ease the transition.

We note that the publications expenditures may be over budget next year because of the bi-annual publications schedule of the LEYM Directory. We approve the budget as presented and also approve the transfer of \$1,000 from the General Fund to the World Gathering of Young Friends line item, noting the increased support for our Quaker youth this budget represents.

## **YM05 - 23 Publications & Archives**

Rosemary Coffey (Pittsburgh) reported for the Committee.

### **Publications & Archives Committee Report**

1. This committee does not have as many members as it is entitled to. We hope interested people will let the Nominating Committee know that they would like to join us. We need a web master, as has already been mentioned; an archivist; an editor for the *Annual Records 2006* and beyond; and/or a new Clerk.
2. We want to thank all of you who have sent in your State of the Meeting and statistical reports. We also print obituaries of members who have died since last June, but can't include them unless you mail them in. Please do so if you haven't already. We also print a Clerk's Report if it comes in on time.
3. Those of you who are taking digital photos here at Annual Meeting are invited to e-mail them to Jeff Cooper ([cooperdaub@hotmail.com](mailto:cooperdaub@hotmail.com)) for inclusion in the forthcoming *Bulletins* and the LEYM web site.
4. The Committee really needs to have the names of your Monthly Meeting newsletter editors, so that we can send them material for those newsletters. Please tell me who they are, as we also need to remind them to send

copies of their newsletters to Jeff Cooper, who is now producing the LEYM *Bulletin*.

5. In early Fall we'll be asking you for your most recent meeting directories. If all goes well, the new LEYM Directory should be in your hands by this time next year. If we don't have the updated information in time, then, obviously, many of your Meeting's entries will be incorrect.

6. Having heard no objections recently, we plan to continue printing 250 copies of the *Bulletin* three times a year and 125 copies of the *Annual Records*.

7. Finally we plan to scan our guidelines regarding what Monthly Meeting material is considered archival into a computer and will e-mail copies to Meeting archivists for their information.

We minute our appreciation to Leonora Cayard (Pittsburgh) who is leaving the Publications & Archives Committee. It is Leonora who had the vision to initiate the publication of an LEYM *Annual Records* booklet. We are also grateful to Eric Starbuck (Pittsburgh) who has edited our LEYM *Bulletin* for the past five years.

#### **YM05 - 24 Introduction of newcomers**

We began this morning's session with a new awareness, awakened by last night's talk given by Kim Carlyle (Swannanoa Valley MM, SAYMA). Kim reminded us that we are Earth enlivened by Spirit. We look forward to workshops on the topic of ecological awareness this afternoon led by Kim and Susan Carlyle.

Friends new to LEYM introduced themselves: Carolyn LeJuste & Joann Neuroth (Red Cedar), Ruth Fraser (San Francisco MM, Pacific YM), Greg and Diane Mott (Broadmead).

#### **YM05 - 25 Youth & Children**

Conleth Crotser conveyed the following information:

##### **Youth & Children Committee Report**

Thirty-three children and youth registered this year, ranging in age from 2 months to 18 years. They were split into five age groups in the care of ten leaders as well as the Committee co-conveners. We had one family volunteer to create this year's tee shirts and, thanks to them, you will see all the Youth & Children (Y&C) program participants wandering around in bright yellow. We also had several folks kindly volunteer to drive out to the lake where we swim each year and help keep everyone happy and safe.

The group leaders were all very kind and willing to be flexible, which was a great help for two significant reasons. For one, the age groups we expected were somewhat different from the groups we actually have. In particular, we have five children under the age of three, all essentially new to the Y&C program. In addition, we recruited five of the ten leaders after March Representative Meeting – one as late as one week before Annual Meeting. For these reasons the group leaders shifted their expectations and plans for which group they would be responsible with great success.

We also had help from the Arrangements & Site Committee and one of the Y&C leaders who lives in Bluffton in picking classrooms appropriate to each group; in arranging access to Ramseyer and the new dorm, Neufeld, next to it for classrooms, with the all important field for running and ball games; and especially in having all the locations close together. This has simplified some of the work of the Committee and been very helpful.

On Sunday each group will present their experiences for the weekend – varied, exciting and sometimes surprising. Any activities of the Y&C Committee are open to any adult who cares to join us, especially the afternoon swimming sessions and the evening craft and game sessions.

Several families, including some new families this year, attend LEYM primarily for the friendships, enjoyment and nurture their children receive here. The Y&C participants are, numerically, a small part of the overall Annual Meeting, but Annual Meeting is a big part of the lives of the Y&C. Please keep the Y&C participants (adults and young ones alike) in mind whenever you plan the YM program, or plan to participate in LEYM.

We are grateful to the Committee and adult leaders for responding to last-minute needs and making it possible for several parents of our youngest children to attend YM sessions, some for the first time in a while.

### **YM05 - 26 FCNL**

Ruth Fraser (Pacific YM), West Coast staff of Friends Committee on National Legislation, has told us of the newly rebuilt listed “green” building on Capitol Hill, which is soon to be ready for use by FCNL staff and guests.

“Iraq – a STEP Resolution” (Sensible Transition to an Enduring Peace) is being proposed as a way forward in Iraq. A Republican sponsor is being sought. Quaker bodies are encouraged to support this proposal as well. (See also Peace Minute, YM05 - 27).

The FCNL Internship program continues to be a way for college graduates to do real hands-on work with staff on Capital Hill. We are encouraged to recommend candidates for this opportunity.

Ann Arbor Young Friends have recently participated in a trip to Washington for a Youth Lobby Day organized by FCNL. It was a marvelous educational experience for them.

### **YM05 - 27 Peace Committee**

David Lore (Granville) has reported to us:

#### **Peace Committee Report**

In a world of hurt, it’s difficult to decide where to begin. The Peace Committee over recent months has discussed a number of areas where our yearly and monthly meetings could help influence events for the better, at least to a limited degree. The scarce amount of time we can devote to this as a yearly meeting is frustrating to all of us, but it’s heartening to hear during our session about all the good work being done by our member monthly meetings and individual Friends.

With about 15 committee members and visitors present during meetings June 16-17, the focus was on the Iraq war, developments in the debate on the death penalty, election reform and social responsibility in our investments.

Bill Bliss (Ann Arbor) encouraged Friends to establish links with peace and anti-war groups in their areas, pointing to the success the Friends Center in Michigan has had in acquainting such groups with material and programs from FCNL. “The whole tide is changing,” Bill said. “A lot of people are against the war and we need to reach out to them.”

Our committee considered and endorsed FCNL’s STEP resolution on withdrawal from Iraq, and we recommend LEYM approve this document as well. The resolution calls on Congress to declare that “it is the policy of the United States to withdraw all U.S. military troops and bases from Iraq.” While many on our Committee felt this FCNL document was not strong enough, the consensus was it was a useful first step, and one that draws attention to opposition to permanent U.S. bases in Iraq.

David Lore drew our attention to a recent Associated Press study about inequalities – largely racial ones – in use of the death penalty in Ohio. We ask LEYM to approve a minute calling on Ohio Gov. Bob Taft and members of the Ohio Legislature to act on long-delayed legislation to create a 20-member Capital Case Commission to investigate such problems. The minute notes that such a commission in Illinois recommended abolishing the death penalty, and that action on a similar study in Pennsylvania is also pending.

Our committee also decided to pass along information to monthly meetings on two interesting campaigns. Carolyn Diem (Ann Arbor) shared that her meeting as well as the Presbyterian Church USA and the New England Conference of the United Methodist Church are urging those concerned about the Israeli-Palestinian situation to review investments that might contribute to Middle Eastern unrest. Specifically, the call is to divest Fidelity mutual funds buying Israeli bonds, or to work as shareholders for such divestiture by the bond funds. After some debate as to whether this was an effective or fair-minded strategy to curb Israeli violence, it was agreed to inform meetings on the issue while emphasizing the need for social responsibility in all types of investments.

Also, in Ohio, a non-partisan campaign of progressive organizations is seeking to qualify three election reform issues for this November’s ballot. The Reform Ohio Now (RON) amendments, according to David Lore, would establish nonpartisan state boards to redraw Congressional and state legislative districts and administer elections, taking those duties over from political officeholders and the Ohio Secretary of State. The package

also includes an amendment rolling back recent assembly action raising the limit on individual campaign contributions each year from \$2,000 to \$20,000.

The committee agreed to pass information on these amendments on to Ohio LEYM meetings for information only.

Finally, Nate Riley (Birmingham) told us of his meeting's work to educate young people and their parents of their rights in dealing with ever more aggressive military recruiters. Meetings are encouraged to develop such programs, and committee members Nate Riley and Betty Ford (Grand Rapids) are available to help.

The Committee has brought to us the FCNL Iraq STEP Resolution (see below), asking that LEYM give its endorsement, holding all involved people in our prayers. We **approve** the resolution and ask that copies be sent appropriately.

We ask that the Peace Committee revisit its proposed text for a resolution concerning the creation of a Capital Case Commission regarding the Ohio death penalty to report back to us at a future session.

#### Iraq STEP Resolution (Sensible Transition to an Enduring Peace)

Whereas President George W. Bush stated on April 13, 2004, that "as a proud and independent people, Iraqis do not support an indefinite occupation and neither does America" and that the U.S. will remain in Iraq "as long as necessary and not one day more";

Whereas Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld assured the Senate Armed Services Committee on February 17, 2005, that "we have no intention, at the present time, of putting permanent bases in Iraq";

Whereas the Wall Street Journal reported in February 2005 that 60% of the people in the United States think that the Bush administration should set a public or private timetable for withdrawing U.S. troops from Iraq;

Whereas former Secretary of State James Baker, former Pentagon official Anthony Cordesman, the International Crisis Group, and other respected leaders and analysts have said that it is critical that the U.S. government declare now its intention to fully withdraw from Iraq;

Whereas political parties opposed to the ongoing U.S. military presence won the overwhelming majority of votes in Iraq's January 2005 election and a clear majority of voters interviewed in exit polls cited their desire to see an end to the military occupation as a major impetus for voting;

Whereas the perception that the U.S. intends to permanently occupy Iraq aids insurgent groups in recruiting supporters and fuels violent activity;

Whereas many insurgent groups have expressed a willingness to engage in political dialogue if the U.S. clearly states its intention to withdraw from Iraq;

Whereas we can best honor the lives and memories of all who have died in Iraq by expediting the end of the war, bringing U.S. troops home as quickly as possible, and supporting the Iraqi people in rebuilding their country;

Whereas a clear statement of intent to fully withdraw U.S. troops and bases does not imply the setting of a particular deadline, time frame, or exit strategy;

Whereas such a statement would send a strong signal to the people of Iraq and the international community that the United States does not have imperial intentions in Iraq and affirms that the Iraqi people will regain through their elected representatives the full

exercise of national sovereignty, including control over security and public safety;

Therefore, be it resolved that LEYM of the Religious Society of Friends holds in our prayers the people of Iraq, the U.S. troops and international troops and humanitarian workers in Iraq, the leaders of Iraq and the United States, and all others affected by this war;

Be it also resolved that LEYM calls on the United States Congress to adopt a sense of the Congress resolution declaring: "It is the policy of the United States to withdraw all U.S. military troops and bases from Iraq";

Be it also resolved that LEYM will present a copy of this resolution to the members of Congress who represent the district in which the congregation is based;

And be it also resolved that LEYM will send a copy of this resolution to member monthly meetings as well as to the local media.

#### **YM05 - 28 Earthcare Committee of Concern**

Al Connor (Ann Arbor) has reported to us on behalf of the Committee.

#### **Earthcare Committee of Concern Report**

The Earthcare Committee met April 30, 2005, at Greenfire Eco-village. It was the sense of those at the meeting that the Committee has two major goals: 1) To nurture the wholeness and integrity of the two major bioregions of LEYM (the Great Lakes Basin and the Ohio River Basin); 2) To work at local, state and federal levels of government toward sustainable policies that defer to the people affected.

Two leadings were articulated at the meeting. 1) Regeneration of the Earth is necessary for social justice and peace on Earth to exist. The bioregions in which LEYM exists are parts of the Earth that LEYM Quakers (and others) can help restore and regenerate. This is a spiritually based leading that requires each of us to reflect on our lifestyle and consider how we might change it to live in harmony with the nature of our bioregions. 2) To take action derived from our spiritual discernment, to educate and persuade local, state and federal governments, local and regional planning agencies and corporate executives to adopt legislation, policies and actions that enable Earth regeneration and prevent further ecological, economic and socio-cultural degradation.

For LEYM to activate those leadings and progress toward those goals much personal reflection, group worship and interpersonal dialogue in monthly meetings is needed. Friends among us are led to take diverse action and paths. Such diversity is good. Members from our monthly meetings need to pursue their diverse leadings individually and corporately to be examples of spiritually led people who live in harmony with nature rather than in conflict with it.

A critical mass of spiritually led and knowledgeable LEYM Friends is needed to educate and persuade legislators, planners and corporate executives to adopt earth regenerative policies and practices. Thus, the Earthcare Committee feels the need for representatives from many monthly meetings to become active with the core members of the Committee. A wider and more diverse membership is needed to increase the Committee's spiritual depth and broaden its environmental, economic and socio-cultural base and to reach out to neighboring faith communities that are concerned about sustainability and care of the earth in their bio-region.

The Committee, with Judy Greenberg's editorship, has compiled a small Earthcare booklet that includes our goals, leadings and concerns. Its purpose is to share with monthly meetings some basic concepts and points that are important to us. We hope each monthly meeting will take one and make copies for its members.

This committee of concern has worked creatively for the past three years. In light of the depth of our on-going and growing concern about care of the earth, we heed the call and agree that a new, standing Earthcare Committee should now be formed. We ask the Nominating Committee to include membership for this committee in its slate at our Annual Meeting in 2006. During the intervening year, we ask the committee of concern to continue this work on our behalf.

We **approve** the following language for the Earthcare Committee to be printed in the LEYM *Policies &*

*Procedures* manual:

Section IV: Organization

E. Standing Committees

9. Earthcare Committee

- a. Composition. The Earthcare Committee shall be composed of six members. Each shall serve a three-year, staggered term, with two new members added each year unless a member whose term has expired is nominated and agrees to serve a second three-year term. Committee meetings are open and other Friends are invited to participate.
- b. Clerk. Selection of the clerk shall be made by the Nominating Committee. Primary duties of the clerk shall include presiding at Committee meetings, arranging for telephone conferences if necessary, sending group e-mail messages, and arranging agendas with consultation with other Committee members. S/he shall also write appropriate letters or arrange for them to be written.
- c. Responsibilities and functions:
  - 1) To help us reflect upon our lifestyles, consider how they might be more earth-friendly, and encourage and help one another reorder our priorities and practices as needed.
  - 2) To bring information about Earthcare issues, concerns, and actions of monthly meetings to the Committee and inform monthly meetings of Earthcare issues, concerns, and actions.
  - 3) To receive reports from various Friends' organizations and share them with the monthly meetings and LEYM.
  - 4) To share resources and information with other faith communities and other organizations in the areas in which monthly meetings are located.

We were not in unity on the wording of a fifth responsibility that was in the draft, and so it was held back for further consideration at Representative Meeting in March 2006. It reads:

- 5) To educate and persuade local, state, and federal governments and corporations in the region to adopt legislation, policies, and actions enabling earth regeneration and preventing further ecological degradation.

**YM05 - 29 Ministry & Nurture**

Merry Stanford (Red Cedar), Committee Clerk, shared the following with us:

**Ministry & Nurture Committee Report**

The Ministry & Nurture Committee (M&N) has been involved this year with several major initiatives on behalf of the Yearly Meeting.

1. Queries and Advices: In March at Representative Meeting, exploring the possibility of developing a LEYM *Faith & Practice*, the Executive Committee asked M&N to consider focusing its annual query on the theme of "Faith & Practice." The Committee considered this request at length, and felt clear to proceed with queries focused on an active faith and living practice. The Committee sought simple queries that could invite Friends to inwardly engage in a transformational process, rather than an intellectual one. We were led, through worship and discussion, to recommend the following queries:

- \* In what ways has the Living Presence awakened my faith and turned me around?
- \* As a Meeting, how do we support each other in being faithful?

2. 2004-2005 Spiritual Formation Program: The LEYM Spiritual Formation Program, which is under the care of M&N, has been in existence for eight years. The program's goal is to assist individuals and meetings in deepening and enlivening their experience of the Spirit. The theme for 2004-2005 was "Discerning Gifts of the Spirit," led by Susan Jeffers of Ann Arbor MM, with Sarah Christensen eldering. The evaluation of the yearlong program revealed how the program has supported the spiritual growth of Friends who participated. One Friend noted that, in a year of personal stress, the program definitely made it possible to feel loved, nurtured and supported, and helped this Friend see God's spirit of Love in the midst of difficulty. Another

wrote that the program kept the Friend focused and in touch with his or her own deep desire to remain on the path of spiritual growth. Another: "The program kept me honest, accountable to myself, my intention, and the Spirit who laid this discipline upon me. Sometimes I experience it as a burden; the program made it easier for me to keep on truckin'." We believe that, over time, these changes have a direct impact on the spiritual life of the monthly meetings of these participants.

3. 2005-2006 Spiritual Formation Program: In 2005-2006, there will be two sites for the Spiritual Formation Program. The Michigan program retreats will again take place at the Leaven Center, September 9-11, 2005, and May 5-7, 2006. Phil Fitz of New England YM will lead the retreats on the theme "Living in the Presence of God," with Becky Phipps eldering. A program will also be launched at Pittsburgh MM this year, with Fran Taber leading, and Katharine Jacobsen serving as elder. Registration flyers and brochures are available here at YM and will be available on the YM web site.

4. Consultation of Monthly Meetings on Ministry & Nurture: One of the responsibilities of M&N is to arrange regular YM workshops for clerks and members of local M&N committees. The Committee will sponsor an LEYM Consultation of the M&N committees of the MMs in April 2006. We feel that there is much that our MM committees could learn from each other, such as ways to encourage Spirit-led vocal ministry, build spiritual nurture groups and spiritual friendships, support those who provide ministry or witness in the world, prepare for the final affairs of one's life. Two representatives from each MM's M&N committee (or equivalent committee) will be invited to attend. A line item of \$200 has been requested [from the YM] to help support the Consultation.

5. State of the Meeting Reports: The M&N Committee is aware that the processes used by our MMs to develop the State of the Meeting reports, and the contents of the reports, vary widely. Because M&N is charged with the care of the spiritual life of the YM, and because the State of the Meeting reports are a primary avenue of communication regarding the spiritual life of the MMs, we propose some suggested guidelines for the preparation of these reports. The Committee also recommends that the Clerk of M&N should annually send out the request to meetings, including the suggestions (see below). Reports will continue to be sent to the Clerk of Publications and to the Clerk of M&N.

#### **Suggested Guidelines for State of the Meeting Reports**

The State of the Meeting Report should be completed by each M&N Committee, presiding Clerk, or other appropriate person identified by the MM. The report should assess the meeting's spiritual condition and needs. The MM then thoughtfully considers this draft and gives it final approval.

The report may be prepared in reference to the annual queries provided by the YM, and could cover such matters as:

1. Spiritual condition of the Meetings, both strengths and failings.
2. Nature of meetings for worship during the year, including the quality of the silence, content and quality of the vocal ministry.
3. Meetings for business during the year, including the range of concerns considered, attendance of members, implementation of meeting's decisions.
4. Contributions of committees such as Peace and Social Justice, Religious Education, Ministry & Nurture, and others.
5. That which is most needed to deepen the spiritual life of the meeting and to strengthen its witness of Friends' testimonies to the world.
6. Key events during the year that helped build the meeting in the Life.

The State of the Meeting Report should be sent to the clerk of LEYM's M&N Committee and to the Editor of the LEYM *Annual Records* [or Publications clerk] by 31 May of each year.

6. Visitation: Members of M&N conducted some visitations in the past year to worship groups and meetings, including Albion WG, Fremont WG, and Wooster MM. The visitors found opportunities to nurture, and be nurtured by, these Friends' communities. With the Advancement & Outreach Committee, we encourage all Friends of the YM to consider visiting other meetings and worship groups, especially small and isolated ones, for the deepened relationship in the Spirit that such visitation provides.

7. Role of M&N: We wish to remind Friends that one of the roles of the M&N Committee is to consult with local M&N committees as requested by the local committees. Any meetings facing issues related to spiritual or pastoral concerns are invited to contact the Clerk of LEYM M&N.

We also wish to remind Friends that each MM is asked to name a representative to the M&N Committee who is able to be present at Representative and Yearly sessions. The presence of representatives from all the MMs is crucial to fully discern and provide care for the spiritual welfare of the YM.

We thank Merry for her report. Friends expressed their gratitude that M&N is developing a set of suggested guidelines to ease and focus preparation of their annual State of the Meeting reports.

### **YM05 - 30 High School Youth Program**

Carolyn LeJuste, Clerk of the Committee, reported, using notes from Kri Anderson, program coordinator:

#### **High School Youth Program Report**

There have been 3 LEYM-sponsored retreats since our last Yearly Meeting. The fourth planned retreat did not materialize.

#### **ACTIVITIES:**

The Summer Rafting Trip Aug 3-6 in West Virginia was a wild success. Six students and two adults (Kri and her friend Erin, another school social worker from Chicago) shared old stories and created new.

The Fall Retreat had scheduling complications and so was unable to happen.

As in the past, the Winter Retreat, "The 3rd Annual Quake that Rocked the Midwest," was held, over Martin Luther King weekend, in Evanston, IL. This event, organized through LEYM, invites high school youth from four Great Lakes Yearly Meetings for a three-day weekend that includes a trip to the city. This year, there were 44 people in attendance – 33 high school youth and 9 adults, including our presenter from Canadian Yearly Meeting, Evalyn Parry. There were 9 people from LEYM, 14 from Illinois Yearly Meeting, 10 from Northern Yearly Meeting, 8 from Ohio Yearly Meeting. The word about this gathering spreads from other gatherings, YouthQuakes and FGC's summer gathering, etc., increasing the number of high school students in attendance each year.

The Spring Retreat was held in East Lansing, under the care of Red Cedar Monthly Meeting, with great help from Carolyn LeJuste and the Nolan/Baker family who hosted the event in their home. We had 10 youth and 2 adults.

Way has not opened for the Russia Trip at this time, so it has been laid down for now. Thanks to all the Friends who have offered their support – we may need you still!

#### **COMMITTEE WORK:**

The High School Youth Committee Clerk, Carolyn LeJuste, met with Kri Anderson to plan the work of the committee during the upcoming year. We ask all the Monthly Meetings of LEYM who are interested in supporting this program to indicate their interest and willingness to host one of the seasonal high school retreats this year. Talk to Carolyn or Kri about your leadings. The committee will offer an outline of the local planning tasks as well as ongoing support from this committee.

The Committee will continue to discern ways to strengthen this program in order that it be a seasoned and long lasting initiative of LEYM.

### **YM05 - 31 Friends School in Detroit**

Head of School, Dwight Wilson (Ann Arbor), spoke to us of the work of the school. With very few Quakers in the city of Detroit, FSD has the large task of bringing Quaker values to the city. The School has recently been reaccredited by ISACS (Independent Schools Association) with the comment that, although the program is strong, the School needs to improve and expand its physical plant. The School needs our prayers, Friends to serve on the Board, and contributions to both the regular budget and the Capital Campaign.

### **YM05 - 32 World Gathering of Young Friends**



The Clerk informed us that Matt Hogan (Athens) and Becca Sommer (Broadmead) will represent our YM at the gathering this summer in Lancaster, England.

**YM05 - 33 2006 Representative Meeting**

Representative Meeting 2006 will be hosted by Pittsburgh Meeting on Friday and Saturday, March 3-4, 2006.

**YM05 - 34 Welcome of newcomers**

We welcome Chip and Valerie Cooper (Cleveland) and Deborah Calhoun (AFSC, NE Ohio, Akron) who are with us for the first time.

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Approval of Signatures. Erika Smith, Treasurer, Connie Bimber, Assistant Treasurer, and Michael Fuson, Clerk, are authorized to sign checks, open and close certificates of deposit, and execute other financial transactions on behalf of LEYM.

**YM05 - 36 Nominating Committee**

Dolores Avner (Pittsburgh) and Connie Green (Cleveland) gave us an interim report. We look forward to their completed report at tomorrow's meeting for business and give our blessing to the Committee.

**YM05 - 37 Welcome of visitors**

We welcome visitors Vaughn and Miriam Peebles from Wabash Meeting (Indiana YM) and White Rose Meeting (Ohio Valley YM).

**YM05 - 38 LEYM Fall Retreat**

Any interested Friends, particularly those from Central or NE Ohio, are encouraged to come forward to join the committee that is working on the holding of a YM Fall retreat for the purpose of fellowship and worship. We trust that this event will not compete with the traditional Fall retreat for young people.

**YM05 - 39 Peace Committee.**

Further to Minute YM05 - 27, David Lore has proposed a revised minute on the death penalty to send to the Ohio State Legislature. We are not in unity on this matter and return the minute to the Peace Committee, which is at liberty to release it on its own behalf.

**YM05 - 40 Young Friends' Epistles**

We have been witness to living epistles from various groups of Young Friends. Those messages that have been presented in written form are included in the Epistle Section below (pp. 61-63).

**YM05 - 41 Naming Committee**

Rosemary Coffey reported that the following Friends have agreed to have their names brought forward to serve on the Nominating Committee: Abbey Pratt-Harrington (Athens – two-year term), Nancy Nagler (Pine River – three-year term), Olwen Pritchard (Broadmead – three-year term). These names were approved.

**YM05 - 42 Nominating Committee**

Further to Minute YM05 - 36, Dolores Avner and Connie Green reported on the results of their further work. We approve the slate they have presented (see below) with thanks to the Nominating Committee.

**Nominating Committee Report**

LEYM Officers

<b>Office</b>	<b>Person</b>	<b>Year</b>
Presiding Clerk	Michael Fuson, Granville	3

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Assistant Clerk	Shirley Bechill, Pine River	1
Recording Clerk	Thomas Taylor, Ann Arbor	2
Treasurer	Erika Smith, Ann Arbor	1
Assistant Treasurer	Connie Bimber, Oberlin	1
LEYM Bookstore	Valerie Groszmann, Kalamazoo	5
<i>Bulletin</i> Editor	Jeff Cooper, Ann Arbor	1
Production	Publication & Archives Committee members	

LEYM Committees

\*No Nominee – if you feel led, call Dolores Avner (412-361-8304) or Connie Green (216-226-9925)

**People** **Years Serving & End Year**

**Advancement & Outreach**

Phil Balderston, Wooster	3 2006
Don Nagler, Pine River	3 2006
John Savage, N. Columbus	2 2007
Leslie Walden, Detroit	2 2007
Kelly Helms, Ann Arbor	4 2008
Mathilda Navias, Broadmead, Clerk	4 2008

**Arrangements & Site**

Judy Greenberg, Broadmead, Clerk	6 2006
Frank Kennedy, Broadmead	2 2006
Regula Kummer, Broadmead/Toledo	5 2007
Jon Sommer, Broadmead	2 2007
Mike Hinshaw, Wooster	1 2008
Mary Igoe Meyers, Broadmead	4 2008

**Finance & Budget**

Zig Dermer, Pittsburgh, Clerk	4 2006
David Green, Cleveland	1 2007
Sally Weaver Sommer, Broadmead	1 2008
Treasurer, Asst. Treasurer, ex officio	

**People** **Years Serving & End Year**

**Ministry & Nurture**

Margy Liske, Kent	1 2006
Janet Smith, Broadmead	6 2006
Valerie Groszmann, Kalamazoo	2 2007
Merry Stanford, Red Cedar, Clerk	5 2007
Star Mary Castro, Athens	4 2008
Steve Morehouse, Ann Arbor	4 2008

**Ministry & Nurture Local Representatives**

Becky Morehouse, Ann Arbor	Valerie Groszmann, Kalamazoo
Suzanne Howell, Athens	Fred Feitler, Kent
Ellen Barnes, Birmingham	Dick Taylor, Oberlin

**Nominating**

Dolores Avner, Pittsburgh, Co-Clerk	2006
Bob Roehm, N. Columbus	2006
Connie McPeak Green, Cleveland, Co-Clerk	2007
Abbey Pratt-Harrington, Athens	2007
Nancy Nagler, Pine River	2008
Olwen Pritchard, Broadmead	2008

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**Peace**

Leroy Curtis, Wooster	3 2006
Nate Riley, Birmingham	3 2006
David Lore, Granville, Clerk	2 2007
Sadie Taylor, Oberlin	2 2007
Betty Ford, Grand Rapids	2 2008
James Satterwhite, Broadmead	1 2008

**Program**

Linda Mills, Kalamazoo	1 2006
Dale Pratt-Harrington, Athens	6 2006
Peggy Daub, Ann Arbor, Co-Clerk	2 2007
Peter Wood, Red Cedar, Co-Clerk	2 2007
Marty Grundy, Cleveland	1 2008
Eric Starbuck, Pittsburgh	1 2008

**People**

**Years Serving & End Year**

**Publications & Archives**

Marvin Barnes, Birmingham	3 2006
Rosemary Coffey, Pittsburgh, Clerk	6 2006
Jeff Cooper, Ann Arbor	2 2007
Nancy E. James, Pittsburgh	1 2008
Bill Warters, Birmingham	1 2008

**Youth & Children**

Clerk	Carla Pratt-Harrington, Athens	2006
Asst. Clerk	Joyce Callahan, Cleveland	2007
Pre-School Leader	Joyce Balderston, Wooster	2006
Pre-School Asst.	Susan Jeffers, Ann Arbor	2007
Early Elem Leader	Conleth Crotser, Cleveland	2006
Early Elem Asst.	Tim Damon, Cleveland	2007
Upper Elem Leader	Peter Crowley, Cleveland	2006
Upper Elem Asst.	Angela Suarez, Pittsburgh	2007
Fall Retreat Clerk	John Edgerton, Akron	2006
Fall Retreat Asst.	Carla Pratt-Harrington, Athens	2007
Middle School Leader	Clémence Mershon, Pittsburgh	2006
Middle School Asst.	Joe Mills, Kalamazoo	2007
High School Leader	Paul Burkholder, Ann Arbor	2006
High School Asst.	Bekah Sommer, Broadmead	2007
Youth Member	Erin Diffenderfer, Cleveland	

**Representatives to the following organizations:**

AFSC	Mike Hinshaw, Wooster	3 2006
AFSC	Richard Taylor, Oberlin, Clerk	5 2007
AFSC	Don Nagler, Pine River	1 2008
AFSC	Joann Neuroth, Red Cedar	1 2008
FCNL	Lila Cornell, Pittsburgh	3 2006
FCNL	David Lore, Granville	3 2006
FCNL	Marge Nelson, Athens	2 2007
FCNL	Nate Riley, Birmingham	2 2007
FCNL	Meg Hummon, Athens	1 2008
FNCL	David Snyder, Albion	3 2008

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Q Earthcare Witness	Alan Connor, Ann Arbor	2006
FGC	Star Mary Castro, Athens, Clerk	6 2006
FGC	Valerie Groszmann, Kalamazoo	3 2006
FGC	Kri Anderson, Ann Arbor	5 2007
FGC	Shirley Bechill, Pine River	2 2007
FLGBTQC	Bob Roehm, N. Columbus	2005
FWCC	Mike Hinshaw, Wooster	3 2006
FWCC	Zig Dermer, Pittsburgh, Clerk	4 2007
FWCC	Raelyn Joyce, Kalamazoo	2 2007
FWCC	Dale Pratt-Harrington, Athens	1 2008
William Penn House	*	
Olney Friends School	Nancy Taylor, Ann Arbor	
Wilmington YM	*	
Ohio YM Conserv.	LeRoy Curtis, Wooster	
Canadian YM	Bob Orr, Detroit	
EFI Eastern Region	Mike Hinshaw, Wooster	

**H.S. Youth Program**

Carolyn Lejuste, Red Cedar, Clerk	1 2006
Dale Pratt-Harrington, Athens	1 2007
Christa Pratt-Harrington, Athens	1
Micah Sommer, Broadmead	1
Y & C Representative	*

**YM05 - 43 LEYM Epistle**

We have listened to the reading of the YM Epistle and thank the Epistle Committee for capturing the spirit and substance of our time together. (See pp. 63-65, below.) Our meeting closed in deeply quiet worship.

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**Treasurer's Report**

LEYM

Treasurer's Report July 1, 2004, to June 30, 2005

By Connie Bimber

FUND	OPENING BALANCE	INCOME	EXPENSES	CURRENT BALANCE
General Fund	\$ 6,516.55	\$ 24,245.63	\$ 23,090.44	\$ 7,671.74
Annual Meeting	2,961.50	15,203.84	1,002.75	17,162.59
Triennial Travel	306.84	1,240.00	0.00	1,546.84
Granville Friends Y.F.	5,510.60	185.16	185.16	5,510.60
Youth Activity Fund	21.51	2,265.16	2,392.97	(6.30)
Spiritual Formation Group	423.96	6,037.50	4,846.76	1,614.70
High School Program	1,447.20	6,695.00	7,140.99	1,001.21
World Gathering of Young Friends	<u>2,650.00</u>	<u>1,200.00</u>	<u>3,850.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 19,938.16</b>	<b>\$ 57,072.29</b>	<b>\$ 42,509.07</b>	<b>\$ 34,501.38</b>

ACCOUNT	OPENING BALANCE	INCOME	DEBITS	CURRENT BALANCE
CHECKING	\$10,253.61	\$48,892.76	\$58,383.91	\$ 762.46
SHOREBANK – March	2,060.06	24.75	0.00	2,084.81
SHOREBANK – Sept	2,113.89	29.62	0.00	2,143.51
SOUTHSHORE BANK	5,510.60	185.16	185.16	5,510.60
CREDIT UNION ONE	<u>24,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>24,000.00</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$43,938.16</b>	<b>\$49,132.29</b>	<b>\$58,569.07</b>	<b>\$34,501.38</b>

**General Fund – INCOME**

MEETING	DONATIONS
Akron	\$ 540.00
Ann Arbor	4,154.00
Athens	1,800.00
Birmingham	682.00
Broadmead	750.00
Cleveland	2,759.00
Delaware	372.00
Detroit	300.00
Grand Rapids	729.00
Granville	806.00

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MEETING	DONATIONS
Kalamazoo	1,302.00
Kent	620.00
Mid-Ohio Val.	150.00
Monongalia	250.00
N. Columbus	400.00
Oberlin	558.00
Pine River	527.00
Pittsburgh	5,308.52
Red Cedar	1,116.00
Wooster	775.00
Misc.	66.00
Sales & Fees	200.00
Interest	81.11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 24,245.63</b>

**General Fund – EXPENSES** [\* = transfers]

EXPENSES	BUDGET	ACTUAL	PERCENT
Misc.	\$	\$ 66.00	
Travel	5,500.00	4,499.03	81.80%
Office	300.00	201.21	67.07%
Publications	4,400.00	2,102.70	47.79%
FGC	4,500.00	4,500.00	100.00%
Friends Schl in Detroit	2,500.00	2,500.00	100.00%
Records Project	200.00	100.00	50.00%
Advancement	130.00	81.50	62.69%
Clerk's Fund	500.00	--	0.00%
FWCC Travel*	1,240.00	1,240.00	100.00%
Youth Activity Fund*	1,200.00	1,200.00	100.00%
Olney Friends School	600.00	600.00	100.00%
FGC Nurturing Fund	500.00	500.00	100.00%
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>PERCENT</b>
High Schl Youth Fund*	4,000.00	4,000.00	100.00%
Spiritual Formation*	500.00	500.00	100.00%
World Gathering YF	0.00	1,000.00	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 26,070.00</b>	<b>\$ 23,090.44</b>	<b>88.57%</b>

**ANNUAL MEETING**

BALANCE July 1, 2004	\$ 2,961.50
Expense	1,002.75
Income	15,203.84
BALANCE June 30, 2005	\$ 17,162.59

**FWCC TRIENNIAL TRAVEL FUND**

BALANCE July 1, 2004	\$ 306.84
Expense	0.00
Income – Transfer	1,240.00
BALANCE June 30, 2005	\$ 1,546.84

**GRANVILLE FRIENDS YOUTH FUND ‡**

BALANCE July 1, 2004	\$ 5,510.60
Interest income	185.16
Transfer - outgo	185.16
BALANCE June 30, 2005	\$ 5,510.60

‡Earnings are transferred to the Youth Activity Fund.

**YOUTH ACTIVITY FUND**

BALANCE July 1, 2004		\$ 121.51
Income – transfer	\$ 1,200.00	
Income – interest	185.16	
Income – Youth Retreat	880.00	
Total Income this year		\$ 2,265.26
TOTAL INCOME		\$ 2,386.67
Expense – Grants	\$ ,300.00	
Expense – World Gath YF	1,092.97	
Expense – youth retreat	--	
Total Expense		\$ 2,392.97
BALANCE June 30, 2005		\$ (6.30)

**SPIRITUAL FORMATION GROUP**

BALANCE July 1, 2004	\$ 423.96
Income‡	6,037.50
Expense	4,848.76
BALANCE June 30, 2005	\$ 1,614.70

‡Includes transfer of \$500 from General Fund.

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH PROGRAM**

<b>INCOME</b>	Budget	Actual
BAL. carried forward		\$ 1,447.20
Donations	\$ 1,000.00	525.00
Transfers fr. Gen. Fund	4,000.00	4,000.00
Retreats	--	2,170.00
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
Fund Raising	--	--
Total Income	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 8,142.20
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Program expenses	\$ 1,000.00	\$ --
Stipend	4,000.00	4,000.00
Retreats	--	3,140.99
Total Expenses	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 7,140.99
<b>BALANCE June 30, 2005</b>		\$ 1,001.21

**WORLD GATHERING OF YOUNG FRIENDS**

<b>INCOME</b>	
Balance from last year	\$ 2,650.00
Donations	200.00
Transfer from General Fund	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 3,850.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
LEYM Representatives	\$ 3,000.00
Donation to WGYF	850.00
Total Expenses	\$ 3,850.00
<b>BALANCE June 30, 2005</b>	0.00