

LAKE ERIE ASSOCIATION BULLETIN

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NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

This first issue of Volume II of the LEA Bulletin is devoted to the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Lake Erie Association, and also includes the list of attenders at the meeting and a directory of constituent Meetings.

All news items concerning local Meetings will appear in the next issue of the Bulletin which will be in November. We plan to publish the Bulletin on the following schedule: November 25, January 15, March 1, April 15, June 1. Clerks and Meeting Correspondents please note, and send in news two weeks before each publication date.

Elise Boulding, Ann Arbor, Michigan

William Preis, Yellow Springs, Ohio

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Special Bulletin from Ad Hoc Committee Meeting held at Cleveland, October 6.

The Committee will be issuing a proposal to constituent meetings concerning organizational procedures for the Association, with the request that Meetings report back to the Representative Committee in March. It will be suggested that the Lake Erie Association continue as before, but that in addition, those meetings which are ready to do so, should join in minuting themselves as a Yearly Meeting in August of 1963. The Association and Yearly Meeting would meet jointly, and there would be no change in function for the Yearly Meeting over the Association beyond that of recognizing new meetings. The organizational structure would remain the same, and the relationship with other yearly meetings would remain the same. We hope to include a copy of the proposal in the next Bulletin.

MINUTES OF THE LAKE ERIE ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL MEETING

Held at Wilmington College, Wilmington, Ohio  
August 24 through 26, 1962

The first business session of the 1962 Annual Meeting of the Lake Erie Association convened at 7 P.M. on Friday, August 24, in the newly opened Religious Activities Building at Wilmington College. Robert Blood had been asked by our Clerk Howard Harris to act as clerk during the Lake Erie Association sessions. The meeting for business approved of this arrangement.

Wilmington Yearly Meeting Welcome. Elizabeth Page, representing Wilmington Yearly Meeting warmly welcomed the Lake Erie Association. This is the second Annual Meeting to meet in this beautiful new building, Wilmington Yearly Meeting having met there in the week previous. Wilbur Kamp also representing Wilmington extended welcome and a message of fellowship from the Wilmington Friends.

Epistles. Willard Mead read excerpts from the Epistles which we have received from Yearly Meetings all over the world. He noted that "the aspirations and difficulties of Friends are the same" in all places where Friends try to live in the spirit of the Society. Epistles were received from: London, Baltimore, New York, North Carolina, Africa, Wilmington, California, Canada, Near East, Switzerland, Ireland, Fritchley (England). A special letter to LEA accompanying the Epistle from London Yearly Meeting reads as follows:

Dear Friends,

We have read with deep interest your last Epistle, telling of our exercise in regard to organizational matters, an exercise which, rightly used, can set you forth on a path of new strength and service.

We pray that as you meet again this year, you will have a rich experience of the Divine Presence guiding all your further deliberations.

On behalf of London Yearly Meeting,

Doris I. Eddington, Clerk  
Meeting for Sufferings

A Committee consisting of Cynthia Kerman and Willard Mead was named to prepare an Epistle from this Lake Erie session to be approved by the body at the gathering at Waynesville on Sunday afternoon.

Nominating Committee. Members of the committee appointed by the Representative Committee last spring asked that additional members be named to assist with preparation of a report for this session. Members present were Mabel Hamm and John Weaver. Named to work with them for this session were William Johnson, Polly Lee, Cophine Crosman, Margaret Utterback.

Approved.

After some discussion it was agreed that the Nominating Committee for the coming year would be nominated from the floor and approved by the members present at the Annual Session.

Approved.

State of the Meeting Reports. Robert Blood presented some statistics gathered from the reports of individual meetings to the questionnaires which have been circulated:

Total adult members and attenders	ca. 624
Total children (below college age)	ca. 355
Total of all ages	ca. 979
Number of families or contributing units	ca. 310

Regional Distribution of Adults

<u>Cleveland-Pittsburgh</u>	<u>Green Pastures Q. M.</u>	<u>Mary Orton</u>
Cleveland 94	Ann Arbor 100	Columbus 50
Kent 12	Detroit 31	Delaware 16
Morgantown 7	East Lansing 14	Oxford 8
Oberlin 50	Grand Rapids 16	Granville 10?
Painesville 15	Kalamazoo 35	(Wilmington campus)
Pittsburgh 70	Saginaw 4	Yellow Springs 1/2=30
Wooster 7	Toledo 4	
Total 255	Total 204	Total 114?
<u>Indiana</u>	<u>Kentucky</u>	
Lafayette 31	Berea 5?	
	Lexington 15	
	Total 20?	

Several representatives spoke of the activities of their Meetings. Some of the highlights: The new Meeting House in Ann Arbor. The challenging development of the youth work camp program in Pittsburgh under the direction of the A.F.S.C. The rewarding visit of Richard Ullman to Cleveland. The establishment of a new worship group in Grand Rapids with an increasing membership. The growth of the meeting in Morgantown, West Virginia. The visitors from Denmark to the Detroit Meeting. The establishment of a worship group in Charleston, West Virginia. The reports showed that individual meetings were active and growing.

Lake Erie Association Bulletin. Four issues were prepared and sent to all names on Monthly Meeting mailing lists. \$159.50 was sent in from recipients of the newsletter. The cost of the Bulletin was \$268.00 leaving a deficit of \$109.00. The matter of the deficit was referred to the finance committee.

There were 48 responses to the questionnaire sent with the last issue of the Bulletin. 35 wished to continue receiving the Bulletin. 13 did not.

The editor presented the following suggestions: (1) Each Monthly Meeting appoint a member to speak for their Meeting members that wished to continue to receive the Bulletin. (2) That Monthly Meetings be responsible for the payment of the subscription fees.

Approval was expressed for the following action:

- (1) That the Bulletin shall be continued.
- (2) That each Meeting appoint a person to be responsible for sending to the Editor a list of members who wish to receive the Bulletin and at the same time send in \$1.00 per subscription.
- (3) Leave the method of financing this payment to each Meeting.

An expression of thanks and appreciation to the Editor, Elise Boulding, for her fine editorship in this first year of the Lake Erie Bulletin was made. The Recording Clerk was asked to see that a letter was sent to Elise expressing this feeling. Elise has expressed willingness to continue as editor for the next two or three issues until the Bouldings go to Japan next spring.

The matter of the next editor was referred to the Nominating Committee.

Finance Committee. The chairman, Victor Ewald, distributed copies of last year's budget and the report of the treasurer in relationship to it. Copies of the proposed budget for the new year were also distributed. Further discussion was delayed until the convening of the next business session.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Business meeting reconvened at 9:30 Saturday morning following a period of worship.

The chairman of the Finance Committee continued with his report.

Recommended that the deficit of \$109.13 of the Bulletin be considered an expense of last year. Approved.

Recommended that \$100 budgeted last year for the Friends Gathering at Quaker Haven be paid and deducted from the balance on hand. Approved.

Corrected balance for the Treasurer's Report for 1961-62 is \$182.01.

The proposed budget for 1962-63 was then presented.

Caroline Hamm spoke to the item for Young Friends. The next meeting of the Young Friends of North America will be held in Virginia - discussion will be on the theme of the "Interpretation and Meaning of Christ." They have many active sub-committees. Interest in Young Friends cuts across all Yearly Meeting lines and extends itself internationally. Thus it becomes a strong unifying agent within the Society of Friends. They need the support of older Friends. Recommended that the item for Young Friends be increased to \$100.

Approved.

Recommended that allowed travel expense for delegates and officers be increased from 3¢ to 5¢ per mile of travel. Approved.

Recommended that the contribution to the Race Relations Committee be \$25. Approved.

The following budget for 1962-63 was then approved.

LAKE ERIE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS MEETINGS

	TREASURER'S REPORT <u>1961-62</u>	BUDGET <u>1962-63</u>
Balance on hand, September 1, 1961	\$183.92	
Contributions from Meetings		
Ann Arbor	\$120.00	
Cleveland	100.00	
Columbus	120.00	
Detroit	25.00	
East Lansing	40.00	
Granville	12.00	
Kalamazoo	15.00	
Morgantown	5.25	
Oberlin	15.00	
Pittsburgh	100.00	
Toledo	15.00	
West Lafayette	10.00	
Wooster	42.00	
Yellow Springs	<u>25.00</u>	
Total Contributions	<u>644.25</u>	
Total Receipts	<u>\$828.17</u>	
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS</b>		
Friends World Committee for Consultation		
American Friends Service Committee	\$ 75.00	\$100.00
Friends Committee on National Legislation	25.00	50.00
Young Friends of North America	25.00	50.00
Friends Boarding School, Barnesville	25.00	100.00
Wilmington College	50.00	100.00
Indian Committee	50.00	100.00
National Conference of Friends on Race Relations	<u>10.00</u>	--
Total Contributions	\$260.00	25.00
Travel	84.80	
Postage, Telephone, Office, Checking Acct.	45.41	
Ad Hoc Committee Expenses	25.32	
1961 L. E. A. Meeting Expenses	6.00	
Purchase of Disciplines	<u>15.50</u>	
Travel and Office Expenses		
Total Disbursements	<u>\$437.03</u>	<u>400.00</u>
BALANCE on hand, August 20, 1962	<u>\$391.14</u>	<u>\$925.00</u>

(Signed) Varley Crist, Treasurer

After deducting \$109.13 for Bulletin deficit and \$100.00 for Friends Gathering as approved--  
CORRECTED BALANCE is \$182.01.

Budget Approved.

Audit of Treasurer's Report. Recommended that the Finance Committee see to it that the Treasurer's Report is audited. APPROVED.

The budget as adopted breaks down to about \$3.00 per Lake Erie Family, using the statistics gathered from the answers to the questionnaire sent to all Meetings. It was estimated that the budget for 1963-64 would probably be increased to the point where \$4.00 per family would be required.

PROPOSED CHANGES IN PROCEDURAL ADVICES Recommended by the Executive Committee.

1. That each constituent meeting of the Association appoint two representatives to the Representative Committee for over-lapping two-year terms. APPROVED.
2. That the Representative Committee meet preceding the sessions of the Annual Meeting and at least once during the winter at a convenient time and place to be determined by the Clerk. APPROVED.
3. The officers and committee chairman of the Association shall constitute an Executive Committee which shall have the powers of the Association between meetings of the Association or of the Representative Committee, subject to such limits as the Association may determine. The Clerk may convene the Executive Committee as needed. APPROVED.
4. The Nominating Committee shall consist of six members, no two of whom shall be from the same Monthly Meeting, appointed for over-lapping three-year terms. APPROVED.
5. (As approved in the first business session.) Positions on the Nominating Committee shall be filled by nominations from the floor at the Annual Meeting.
6. Six representatives to the Continuing Committee for Greater Unity shall be appointed for over-lapping three-year terms. They shall not ordinarily be subject to immediate reappointment. APPROVED.
7. Responsibility for planning the program of the Annual Meeting shall be assigned to a chairman and vice-chairman for each of the following program aspects:
  - (a) Adult program
  - (b) Children's program (including those who have completed the sixth grade)
  - (c) High School program (beginning with those who have completed the seventh grade)

As far as possible, each of these three program committees should be staffed from a different region of the Association, so as to decentralize the planning process. The Clerk shall prepare the agenda for the Business Meetings and coordinate planning of the total program.

APPROVED.

Recommendation for a Peace Committee.

The discussion group which met on the first day of this Annual Session proposed the following recommendation: That a Peace Committee drawing together the Peace Committee Chairmen of the L.E.A. Monthly Meetings be established. This Committee would meet during the year - perhaps at the same time as the Representative Committee and at the time of the Annual Meeting.

In the discussion that followed there was a reluctance to add more committee structure to the Lake Erie Association. While communication between Monthly Meeting Committee activities is very desirable there was no consensus of feeling that a L.E.A. Peace Committee should be established. It was proposed that this need be implemented on the regional level, recognizing that

the L.E.A. would continue to have a Peace Workshop at its Annual Meeting and that the Bulletin provides a medium of communication among meetings.

Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Function of Lake Erie Association.

Robert Morgan gave the report of this Committee in the absence of Brad Angell. (Copy attached.)

This committee was first appointed in 1960. The recommendation that L.E.A. become a Yearly Meeting was presented in 1961. Since there was no unity on this proposal, the Committee was instructed to continue its explorations. A questionnaire was sent to each Monthly Meeting. Results of these showed that seven Meetings favored Yearly Meeting status; two opposed the proposal and six lacked unity and were still trying to find the sense of the Meeting. The Meetings favoring the Yearly Meeting status were the smaller meetings.

Five possibilities for the future of L.E.A. were presented for consideration:

1. Lake Erie Association - Continue as we are.
2. Lake Erie Yearly Meeting - This is not recommended at this time.
3. Lake Erie Yearly Meeting and a Lake Erie Association - Meetings that are ready should minute themselves as a Yearly Meeting. Others continue as an Association. A joint organization could be worked out as in Southeastern Yearly Meeting and in Pacific Yearly Meeting.
4. Strengthen small regional groups - joint endeavors in convenient geographical locations. Business matters would be taken care of at this level. The Annual Meeting of L.E.A. would become an inspirational conference like the 1962 friends Gathering at Quaker Haven.
5. Encourage all Monthly Meetings to join existing Yearly Meetings.

Comments taken from the discussion:

"Our business sessions of this morning show the direction that L.E.A. is taking - more financial obligations, more committees - a movement toward a more structured organization."

"Number three appeals most. Suggest that the Ad Hoc Committee proceed to help the seven meetings which are ready to form a Yearly Meeting."

"If number three is considered, the matter should be referred back to the seven meetings for their approval to proceed on this dual arrangement."

"Individual Monthly Meetings do not feel themselves a part of the larger Friends Group. This sense of responsibility must grow from within and not be imposed from the top."

"We must guard against a more complex organization."

"We have good people and a good program. Are we talking just about the name of it?"

Business Meeting adjourned at noon and reconvened at 1:30 P.M.

The following proposals to the Ad Hoc Committee were approved.

1. That the regional gatherings be actively encouraged and nurtured by the Ad Hoc Committee.
2. That inquiries be made of the Pacific and Southeastern Yearly Meetings concerning their organization of a joint Association and Yearly Meeting.
3. That the constituent meetings of L.E.A. be asked for their reaction to this joint structure.

Further proposals for the Lake Erie Association

Request the Program Committee to continue to provide work shops at the Annual Meetings.

APPROVED

Request regional groups to provide workshops on peace and social order at regional level.

APPROVED

Use the Bulletin as a means of communication between Peace Committees and information on activities.

APPROVED

Report of Friends Gathering

Isabel Bliss reported on the meeting at Quaker Haven, set up by the Continuing Committee on Greater Unity. Two-hundred attended - more than half were children. Indiana Y.M., Wilmington Y.M. and Lake Erie Association made up 80 of the attendance. Ohio Yearly Meeting was less well represented. There were no business sessions. Chief value of the Conference could be summed up in: "encourage growth of seeds of truth and let them fall where they will."

Report of the Nominating Committee

APPROVED

Names and address of L.E.A. officers for 1962-63:

Clerk: Robert Blood, 2005 Penncraft Court, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Recording Clerk: Cophine Crosman, 136 Dunedin Road, Columbus, Ohio

Treasurer: Varley Crist 142 Briarwood Road, Granville, Ohio

Finance Committee: Victor Ewald (chairman), 2091 West Brood St., Columbus 23, Ohio

Willard Mead, 7010 Reynolds Street, Pittsburgh 8, Pennsylvania

Ogden Ashley, 12520 Edgewater Drive, Cleveland 7, Ohio

Varley Crist, ex officio

Continuing Committee on Greater Unity, terms ending in:

1963: William Johnson, River Valley Farm, Hiram, Ohio

Edgar Shaudys, 1423 Mulford Road, Columbus 12, Ohio

1964: William Bliss, 6011 Theota Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio

Richard Lee; 3445 Coit Street, N.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan

1965: Ruth Burgess, Church lane Road, RFD #1, Allison Park, Pennsylvania

Merritt Webster, 225 Connolly Street, West Lafayette, Indiana

Ad Hoc Committee on the Function of the Lake Erie Association:

Robert Morgan (chairman), 11 Dunmoyle Place, Pittsburgh 17, Pennsylvania

Ogden Ashley; 12520 Edgewater Drive, Cleveland 7, Ohio

William Bliss, 6011 Theota Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio

Elise Boulding, 2670 Bedford Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan

John Crist, 142 Briarwood Road, Granville, Ohio

Alice Nauts, 2817 Collingwood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio

Howard Kriebel, 2545 Christmas Run, Wooster, Ohio

Cornell Hewson, 359 South Patterson Avenue, Oxford, Ohio

Richard Stow, 127 North High Drive, Worthington, Ohio

Horace Champney\*, 120 West Limestone, Yellow Springs, Ohio

Nominating Committee, terms ending in:

1963: John Weaver, 1625 Shady Avenue, Pittsburgh 17, Pennsylvania

William Johnson, River Valley Farm, Hiram, Ohio

- 1964: Howard Kriebel; 2545 Christmas Run, Wooster, Ohio  
Mabel Hamm, 2122 Geddes, Ann Arbor, Michigan  
1965: Adda Dilts (chairman), 504 Denner Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan  
Dortha Patterson, 971 North High Street, Worthington, Ohio

Adult Program Committee:

- Chairman: Henry Carr, 3297 Berkley, Cleveland 18, Ohio  
Vice-chairman: Samuel Prellwitz, 572 Briar Cliff Road, Pittsburgh 38, Pennsylvania

High School Program Committee:

- Chairman: Johan Eliot, 1027 Miller Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan  
Vice-chairman: Helen Wenck, Box 456, Newwaygo, Michigan

Children's Program Committee:

- Chairman: Marian Stow, 127 North High Drive, Worthington, Ohio  
Vice-chairmen: Wendell and Marie Cotton, Strawberry Hill, Hughes Road, Oberlin, Ohio

Friends Boarding School Committee

- Chairman; Samuel Prellwitz, 572 Briar Cliff Road, Pittsburgh 21, Pennsylvania  
Vice-chairman: Esther Ewald, 2091 West Broad Street, Columbus 23, Ohio

Bulletin Editor: Elise Boulding, 2670 Bedford Road, Ann Arbor to be succeeded by  
William Preis, P.O. Box 166, Yellow Springs, Ohio.

Representatives to:

Friends World Committee, American Section and Midwest Committee:

- Margaret Utterback, 344 Morgan Street, Oberlin, Ohio  
Florence Shute, 725 S. Negley Avenue, Pittsburgh 32, Pennsylvania  
William Bliss, 6011 Theota Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio

Friends Committee on National Legislation, Washington:

- Edith Brashares, 2814 Chadbourne Drive, Cleveland 20, Ohio  
Joan Lind\*, 1233 Arbor Drive, East Lansing, Michigan

American Friends Service Committee, Philadelphia:

- Terry Evans; 2021 Cornell Road, Cleveland 6, Ohio  
William and Cecily Judd\*, Delaware, Ohio  
(One of these will also represent L.E.A. on the Dayton Regional Office Executive  
Committee)

Young Friends Committee of North America:

- Carolyn Hamm, 2122 Geddes, Ann Arbor, Michigan  
Joan Burgess, Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio  
Barbara Hepp\*, Welsh Hills Road, RFD #2, Granville, Ohio

Names marked \* indicate that agreement to serve has not been secured.

1963 Annual Meeting

The invitation of Ohio Yearly Meeting at Barnesville to meet concurrently August 30 -  
September 1, 1963 was accepted.

1964 Annual Meeting

The Executive Committee proposed a three way Yearly Meeting in 1964 with Wilmington and  
Indiana Yearly Meetings. This was approved for further exploration.

Friends General Conference

Lawrence Miller invited Lake Erie Association members to a Friends General Conference to be held at Traverse City, Michigan, June 22-29, 1963.

Indian Conference

Mayo Johnson reported on the Conference on Indian Affairs held at Muskogee. The theme was "The Merging of Two Cultures."

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 P. M.

Esther Ewald, Recording Clerk

Joint Sessions with Indiana Yearly Meeting

Saturday 3:00 P.M.

Following the proposal of the Program Committee to give adequate time to one of the Friends Services for their presentation and hear very short reports from the others at the Annual Meeting, Matt Thompson of the American Friends Service Committee spoke briefly of the activities in this region. The proposal is to give longer time to the Service Committee at a later Annual session.

Friends Committee on National Legislation was given the longer time at this session. Raymond Wilson spoke of the many facets of F.C.N.L. contacts in Washington. There was time for an interesting question and answer period.

A Panel Presentation led by Marshall Sutton included William Bliss, Sarah Braddock, Cynthia Kerman and Barrett Hollister. Each spoke to the values of joint sessions of Yearly Meetings and ways we could work together. Differences are good and healthy. The fellowship of Young Friends is most valuable. There is strength in working together.

The group was then divided into smaller groups for further discussions.

Sunday meetings.

Lake Erie Friends travelled to Waynesville to meet with Indiana Yearly Meeting. The same discussion groups which had talked together on Saturday afternoon met together during the First Day School. Other Friends present joined these groups. The discussion again centered on the ways in which communication could be established between Yearly Meetings and how ways of unity could be encouraged.

Friends of both the Yearly Meeting and the Association gathered together for worship. This Meeting was particularly significant and the fellowship of spirits was deepened. On the preceding day, the lives of two Waynesville Friends were ended and three other Waynesville Friends were critically injured in an automobile accident on their way to Wilmington. All of us were deeply aware, as we sat together, of the presence of God in that meeting.

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Howard Harris, former clerk of L.E.A., moved in July with his family to Northridge, California, to teach in the Anthropology Dept. of San Fernando State College.

ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION, 1962

The total number of individuals registered was as follows:

- 77 adults (including 7 leaders and 2 college students)
- 21 high school age
- 31 children below high school age
- 129 total

Friends will be interested in the results of the new practice of beginning the Annual Meeting on Friday morning instead of Saturday morning. A total of 53 Friends took advantage of the opportunity to register at Wilmington College on Thursday evening. On Friday morning the registration rose to 73, in the afternoon to 97 and in the evening to 104, jumping to the above total on Saturday morning.

From the Lake Erie Association of Friends Meetings  
At Wilmington College and Waynesville, Ohio  
August 24-26, 1962

To Friends everywhere:

We send our grateful thanks for the many epistles bringing us expressions of love and unity. The tensions and problems of our times would be hard to face without such strengthening and comfort. At times the way of Christian love seems a lonesome and rocky one; then we discover that we are neither alone nor helpless, for we have you and Him with us.

The Lake Erie Association is a group of eighteen independent Meetings covering a half dozen states. Discussion this year centered around ways in which we are called to witness to the power of love to overcome the overwhelming trend toward violence and world destruction, and around ways of deepening our spiritual roots and ministering to the spiritual needs of those about us. A session was held on First Day Schools and another on Friends' concerns in relation to legislation, where we were reminded of the possible fruition of an idea planted at the right time and place. High-school Friends, by means of an evening of skits, portrayed some of the knotty problems of the day.

The basic drive of our business session was the continuing search for unity. Our problem, yet unresolved, is that of right and effective organization. We met this year in concurrent session with Indiana Yearly Meeting in an effort to further our acquaintance with established Yearly Meetings, as we did last year with the Ohio Conservative Meeting. These contacts, along with an interim conference by four Friends groups in the area, have given us a precious experience of human fellowship and common concerns across group lines.

There is a deeply felt need for wholeness - wholeness of the individual in balancing his tensions toward action, fellowship and spiritual renewal - wholeness of the Meeting so that it can nourish and care for each member and move ahead on its concerns - and wholeness of the Society of Friends in its mixing of the fresh and the traditional, the liberal and the conservative, the active and the contemplative.

As members of one body have different functions, we need to find our several strengths and seek those functions and bonds through which the whole organism can live and move in the Power. May we deepen our sensitivity to God's leadings so that we move with a right ordering through this period of self-conscious preoccupation into the tremendous tasks that call us all.

Robert O. Blood, Jr., Clerk  
2005 Penncraft Court  
Ann Arbor, Michigan, U.S.A.

REPORT OF AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE FUNCTION OF LAKE ERIE ASSOCIATION  
August 24, 1962

In accordance with the Minutes adopted at the 1961 Annual Meeting of Lake Erie Association, the Ad Hoc Committee on the Function of Lake Erie Association distributed to all member meetings copies of the Ad Hoc Committee Report with a request that meetings discuss and report their reactions to the proposals that 1) Lake Erie Association become a Yearly Meeting, 2) that Lake Erie Association continue to work vigorously to strengthen and extend bonds with Ohio Yearly Meeting and Indiana Yearly Meeting and Wilmington Yearly Meeting in the interest of greater unity, and 3) affiliate with Friends General Conference.

In January the Committee received some fifteen replies to its communication. Analysis of these replies showed that seven meetings favored becoming a yearly meeting, six reported a lack of consensus, and two meetings were opposed. The meetings in favor were mostly smaller meetings, with most of the larger, established meetings less able to reach a consensus.

In April the Ad Hoc Committee met to discuss the replies it had received. All clerks of meetings were invited to attend as ex officio members of the committee (although only three did). At this meeting, the Ad Hoc Committee decided 1) "It does not appear, at the present time, that opinion can be crystallized at the next meeting of L.E.A. concerning whether it should minute itself a Yearly Meeting", 2) "Nevertheless; because of the positive interest expressed by seven meetings, and the presence of other groups of Friends with a positive interest (in the larger meetings which could not reach a consensus), it was felt that explorations concerning Yearly Meeting status should not be dropped, but that the Ad Hoc Committee should be continued for another year and charged with exploring the problems which seem to stand in the way of a wider consensus." There followed a list of six problems, the first of which, was the concern of some Friends that formation of a Yearly Meeting might endanger recent trends towards greater unity, particularly with Ohio Yearly Meeting.

As a first step towards resolution of this first problem, the Ad Hoc Committee addressed a minute to the Continuing Committee on Greater Unity asking its counsel on "how we might best proceed with our explorations without endangering the movement for greater unity which we all feel so important." In response to this query the Continuing Committee adopted the following minute after due discussion:

"The Continuing Committee on Greater Unity unites with the concern of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Lake Erie Association of Friends in their exploration of the possibility that Lake Erie Association might move towards Yearly Meeting status.

"We feel that this move will not be a divisive but a unifying act, since the Ad Hoc Committee is so concerned that Lake Erie Association reach beyond its present constituency to promote greater bonds of unity with all the groups represented in the Continuing Committee.

"For example; we approve of the Lake Erie Association's Ad Hoc Committee's plans 1) to seek unity at the Yearly Meeting level, 2) to cooperate with the Continuing Committee on Greater Unity, 3) to promote United Monthly Meetings, 4) to encourage every type of intervisitation and cooperation between groups of the several yearly meetings, and 5) not to preclude the possibility that the Yearly Meeting status of Lake Erie might be absorbed into a more inclusive Friends organization when the time becomes ripe in the future."

T. Canby Jones, Clerk for the day

In addition to this, the convener of the Ad Hoc Committee was graciously invited by Foster A. Hall and Florence Sidwell, Clerks of the Representative Meeting of the Ohio Yearly Meeting, to attend its meeting May 29th at Salem, Ohio. The Representative Committee welcomed a report on the Ad Hoc Committee's concerns and, at the same time that it extended an invitation to L.E.A. to meet with Ohio Yearly Meeting in 1963, they minuted "We are sympathetic with their (i.e., L.E.A.'s) situation and want to encourage them to continue to press forward toward the high calling of God in their deliberations."

There are other problems to be considered carefully and prayerfully on this subject, and the Ad Hoc Committee hopes they will receive Friends' thoughtful consideration in the coming year.

Respectfully Submitted, Brad Angell

#### REPORT ON LEA YOUNG FRIEND'S CAMP

Nineteen Young Friends, ranging in age from 12 to 16, took part in LEAYF Camp at Quaker Knoll, August 24-25. The group was about equally divided between those in Jr. High and those in Sr. High; boys and girls. During part of the program, twenty YFs from Indiana Yearly Meeting met in joint sessions with the LEA campers.

The planners were Warren Hohwald and Byron Branson.

Several adults, notably Olcott Sanders, Emily Morgan, and Phyllis Sanders, played a vital role in providing leadership and program planning assistance.

Highlights of the camp included a group session led by Olcott Sanders on "ways of communicating," and meetings on the college campus with Raymond Wilson, Matt Thompson, and Carolyn Hamm. These meetings were devoted to discussion of activities of FCNL, AFSC, and YFCNA specifically of interest to Young Friends.

Actual cost of the camp was slightly below estimated cost, and YFs forwarded the surplus (\$9.00) to the AFSC.